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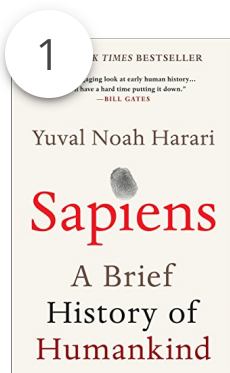
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Sapiens

A Brief History of Humankind

Yuval Noah Harari



5.00

100,000 years ago, at least six human species inhabited the earth. Today there is just one. Us. Homo sapiens.

How did our species succeed in the battle for dominance? Why did our foraging ancestors come together to create cities and kingdoms? How did we come to believe in gods, nations and human rights; to trust money, books and laws; and to be enslaved by bureaucracy, timetables and consumerism? And what will our world be like in the millennia to come?

In *Sapiens*, Dr Yuval Noah Harari spans the whole of human history, from the very first humans to walk the... [more](#)



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[Richard Branson](#), and 37 others.



Barack Obama

eval(ez_write_tag([[250,250],'theceolibrary_com-leader-2','ezslot_7',164,'0','1'])); Fact or fiction, the president knows that reading keeps the mind sharp. He also delved into these non-fiction reads. [\(Source\)](#)



Bill Gates

Both Melinda and I read this one, and it has sparked lots of great conversations at our dinner table. Harari takes on a daunting challenge: to tell the entire history of the human race in just 400 pages. He also writes about our species today and how artificial intelligence, genetic engineering, and other technologies will change us in the future. Although I found things to disagree... [\(Source\)](#)



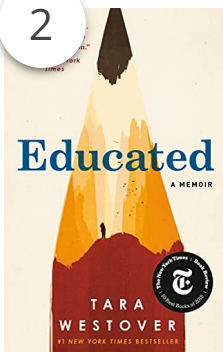
Richard Branson

One example of a book that has helped me to #ReadToLead this year is Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Noah Harari. While the book came out a few years ago now, I got around to it this year, and am very glad I did. I've always been fascinated in what makes humans human, and how people are constantly evolving, changing and growing. The genius of Sapiens is that it takes some daunting,... [\(Source\)](#)

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Educated

Tara Westover



4.97

Tara Westover was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches and sleeping with her "head-for-the-hills bag". In the summer she stewed herbs for her mother, a midwife and healer, and in the winter she salvaged in her father's junkyard.

Her father forbade hospitals, so Tara never saw a doctor or nurse. Gashes and concussions, even burns from explosions, were all treated at home

with herbalism. The family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no... [more](#)



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[Bill Gates](#)

Tara never went to school or visited a doctor until she left home at 17. I never thought I'd relate to a story about growing up in a Mormon survivalist household, but she's such a good writer that she got me to reflect on my own life while reading about her extreme childhood. Melinda and I loved this memoir of a young woman whose thirst for learning was so strong that she ended up getting a Ph.D.... [\(Source\)](#)



[Barack Obama](#)

As 2018 draws to a close, I'm continuing a favorite tradition of mine and sharing my year-end lists. It gives me a moment to pause and reflect on the year through the books I found most thought-provoking, inspiring, or just plain loved. It also gives me a chance to highlight talented authors – some who are household names and others who you may not have heard of before. Here's my best of 2018... [\(Source\)](#)



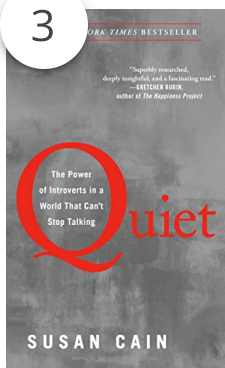
[Alexander Stubb](#)

If you read or listen to only one book this summer, this is it. Bloody brilliant! Every word, every sentence. Rarely do I go through a book with such a rollecoaster of emotion, from love to hate. Thank you for sharing @tarawestover #Educated <https://t.co/GqLaqlcWMp> [\(Source\)](#)

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Quiet

The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking

Susan Cain



4.96

The book that started the Quiet Revolution

At least one-third of the people we know are introverts. They are the ones who prefer listening to speaking; who innovate and create but dislike self-promotion; who favor working on their own over working in teams. It is to introverts—Rosa Parks, Chopin, Dr. Seuss, Steve Wozniak—that we owe many of the great contributions to society.

In *Quiet*, Susan Cain argues that we dramatically undervalue introverts and shows how much we lose in doing so. She charts the rise of the Extrovert Ideal throughout the twentieth... [more](#)



Recommended by [Simon Sinek](#), Danielle

Morrill, Ken Norton, and 13 others.



[Simon Sinek](#)

eval(ez_write_tag([[250,250],'theceolibrary_com-large-mobile-banner-2','ezslot_5',164,'0','1'])); Leaders needn't be the loudest. Leadership is not about theater. It's not about dominance. It is about putting the lives of others before any other priority. In *Quiet*, Cain affirms to a good many of us who are introverts by nature that we needn't try to be extroverts if we want to lead.... [\(Source\)](#)



[James Altucher](#)

Probably half the world is introverts. Maybe more. It's not an easy life to live. I sometimes have that feeling in a room full of people, "uh-oh. I just shut down. I can't talk anymore and there's a lock on my mouth and this crowd threw away the key." Do you ever get that feeling? Please? I hope you do. Let's try to lock eyes at the party. "*Quiet*" shows the reader how to unlock the secret powers... [\(Source\)](#)

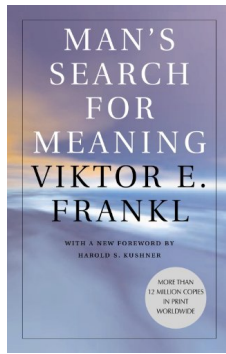


Danielle Morrill

Anyway, maybe you're like me and figuring this out for yourself. It's a good book for introverts and for those who love them [\(Source\)](#)

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Man's Search for Meaning

Viktor E. Frankl, William J. Winslade, et al.



4.95

Man's Search for Meaning has riveted generations of readers with its descriptions of life in Nazi death camps and its lessons for spiritual survival. Between 1942 and 1945 psychiatrist Viktor Frankl labored in four different camps, including Auschwitz, while his parents, brother, and pregnant wife perished. Based on his own experience and the stories of his many patients, Frankl argues that we cannot avoid suffering but we can choose how to cope with it, find meaning in it, and move forward with renewed purpose. Frankl's theory—known as logotherapy, from the Greek word logos ("meaning")—holds... [more](#)



Recommended by [Tony Robbins](#), Dustin

Moskovitz, [Simon Sinek](#), and 63 others.



[Tony Robbins](#)

Another book that I've read dozens of times. It taught me that if you change the meaning, you change everything. Meaning equals emotion, and emotion equals life. ([Source](#))



Dustin Moskovitz

[Dustin Moskovitz recommended this book on Twitter.] ([Source](#))

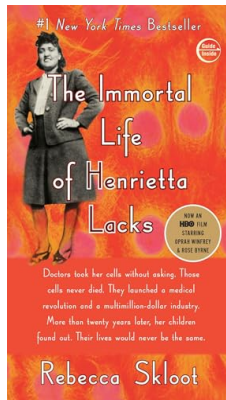


[Simon Sinek](#)

This is essential reading for anyone interested in the topic of purpose. Because Frankl's personal experience was so extreme, the lessons are that much more stark. And, most importantly, his lessons are universally applicable to all our lives. ([Source](#))

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The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

Rebecca Skloot



4.86

Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor Southern tobacco farmer who worked the same land as her slave ancestors, yet her cells—taken without her knowledge—became one of the most important tools in medicine. The first “immortal” human cells grown in culture, they are still alive today, though she has been dead for more than sixty years. If you could pile all HeLa cells ever grown onto a scale, they’d weigh more than 50 million metric tons—as much as a hundred Empire State Buildings. HeLa cells were vital for developing the polio vaccine; uncovered secrets... [more](#)



Recommended by [Carl Zimmer](#), A.J. Jacobs, and 2 others.



[Carl Zimmer](#)

Yes. This is a fascinating book on so many different levels. It is really compelling as the story of the author trying to uncover the history of the woman from whom all these cells came. ([Source](#))

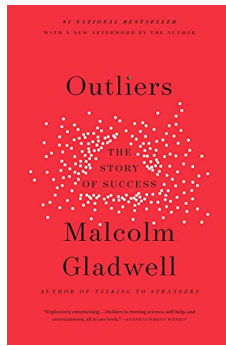


[A.J. Jacobs](#)

Great writer. ([Source](#))

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Outliers

The Story of Success

Malcolm Gladwell



4.86

In this stunning new book, Malcolm Gladwell takes us on an intellectual journey through the world of "outliers"--the best and the brightest, the most famous and the most successful. He asks the question: what makes high-achievers different?

His answer is that we pay too much attention to what successful people are like, and too little attention to where they are from: that is, their culture, their family, their generation, and the idiosyncratic experiences of their upbringing. Along the way he explains the secrets of software billionaires, what it takes to be a great soccer player,... [more](#)



Recommended by [Charles T. Munger](#), [Bill](#)

[Gates](#), [Charlie Munger](#), and 21 others.



[Bill Gates](#)

[On Bill Gates's reading list in 2011.] ([Source](#))



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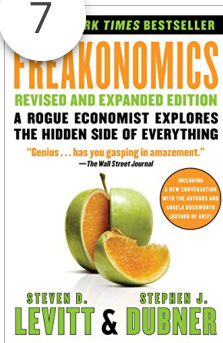
Gladwell is not the first person to come up with the 10,000 hour rule. Nor is he the first person to document what it takes to become the best in the world at something. But his stories are so great as he explains these deep concepts. How did the Beatles become the best? Why are professional hockey players born in January, February and March? And so on. ([Source](#))

 [Victor Asemota](#)

Do you want to work very hard to be the best or do you want to work barely enough to be lucky? Those are the questions I asked myself as I read Malcolm Gladwell's book - Outliers. I have seen that the hardworking people who know their craft are almost always successful. ([Source](#))

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Freakonomics

A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything

Stephen J. Levitt, Steven D.; Dubner



4.84

Which is more dangerous, a gun or a swimming pool? What do schoolteachers and sumo wrestlers have in common? Why do drug dealers still live with their moms? How much do parents really matter? What kind of impact did Roe v. Wade have on violent crime? Freakonomics will literally redefine the way we view the modern world.

These may not sound like typical questions for an economist to ask. But Steven D. Levitt is not a typical economist. He is a much heralded scholar who studies the stuff and riddles of everyday life -- from cheating and crime to sports and child rearing -- and whose... [more](#)



Recommended by [Malcolm Gladwell](#), [Simon Sinek](#), [Daymond John](#), and 15 others.



[Malcolm Gladwell](#)

I don't need to say much here. This book invented an entire genre. Economics was never supposed to be this entertaining. ([Source](#))



[Daymond John](#)

I love newer books like [this book]. ([Source](#))

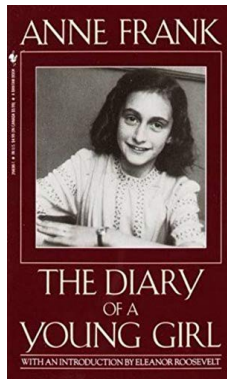


[James Altucher](#)

[James Altucher recommended this book on the podcast "The Tim Ferriss Show".] ([Source](#))

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The Diary of a Young Girl

Anne Frank, B.M. Mooyaart, Eleanor Roosevelt



4.83

In Everyman's Library for the first time—one of the most moving and eloquent accounts of the Holocaust, read by tens of millions of people around the world since its publication in 1947.

The Diary of a Young Girl is the record of two years in the life of a remarkable Jewish girl whose triumphant humanity in the face of unfathomable deprivation and fear has made the book one of the most enduring documents of our time.

The Everyman's hardcover edition reprints the Definitive Edition authorized by the Frank estate, plus a new introduction, a bibliography, and a... [more](#)



Recommended by Tim Fargo, Catalina Penciu, Alice Little, and 3 others.



Tim Fargo

@Quixoticnance Good point, Nancy. The museum is a powerful experience, esp. when you've read her book. ([Source](#))



Catalina Penciu

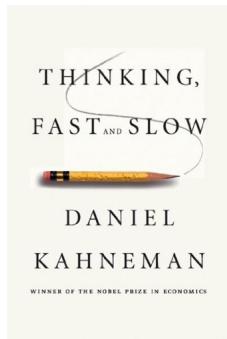
I'm a huge fan of personal stories and biographies like this one. ([Source](#))



Alice Little

I remember being a fourth grader and trying to check out [this book] and being told it was grossly inappropriate and going so far as to have my parents take it to the school board and petition for me to be allowed to read this book. ([Source](#))

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Thinking, Fast and Slow

Kahneman



4.83

Major *New York Times* bestseller

Winner of the National Academy of Sciences Best Book Award in 2012

Selected by the *New York Times Book Review* as one of the best books of 2011

A *Globe and Mail* Best Books of the Year 2011 Title

One of *The Economist's* 2011 Books of the Year

One of *The Wall Street Journal's* Best Nonfiction Books of the Year 2011

2013 Presidential Medal of Freedom Recipient

In the international bestseller, *Thinking, Fast and Slow*, Daniel Kahneman, the renowned psychologist and winner of the Nobel... [more](#)



Recommended by [Barack Obama](#), [Bill Gates](#), [Ron Conway](#), and 48 others.



[Barack Obama](#)

A few months ago, Mr. Obama read "Thinking, Fast and Slow," by Daniel Kahneman, about how people make decisions — quick, instinctive thinking versus slower, contemplative deliberation. For Mr. Obama, a deliberator in an instinctive business, this may be as instructive as any political science text. ([Source](#))



[Bill Gates](#)

[On Bill Gates's reading list in 2012.] ([Source](#))

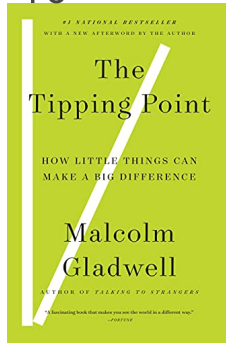


[Marc Andreessen](#)

Captivating dive into human decision making, marred by inclusion of several/many? psychology studies that fail to replicate. Will stand as a cautionary tale? ([Source](#))

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The Tipping Point

How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference

Malcolm Gladwell



4.82

An alternate cover edition exists [here](#).

The tipping point is that magic moment when an idea, trend, or social behavior crosses a threshold, tips, and spreads like wildfire. Just as a single sick person can start an epidemic of the flu, so too can a small but precisely targeted push cause a fashion trend, the popularity of a new product, or a drop in the crime rate. This widely acclaimed bestseller, in which Malcolm Gladwell explores and brilliantly illuminates the tipping point... [more](#)



Recommended by [Simon Sinek](#), Steve Blank,

[Kevin Rose](#), and 24 others.



[Kevin Rose](#)

Bunch of really good information in here on how to make ideas go viral. This could be good to apply to any kind of products or ideas you may have. Definitely, check out The Tipping Point, which is one of my favorites. ([Source](#))



[Seth Godin](#)

Malcolm Gladwell's breakthrough insight was to focus on the micro-relationships between individuals, which helped organizations realize that it's not about the big ads and the huge charity balls... it's about setting the stage for the buzz to start. ([Source](#))



[Scott Keyes](#)

Other than How To Win Friends And Influence People and Daily Rituals (for the reasons outlined above), I would recommend reading both Malcolm Gladwell's collection, everything from Tipping Point to David & Goliath, and Michael Lewis' as well, from Moneyball to The Blind Side. Irrespective of content, both are wonderful writers who use stories in effortless, compelling ways to make larger points.... ([Source](#))

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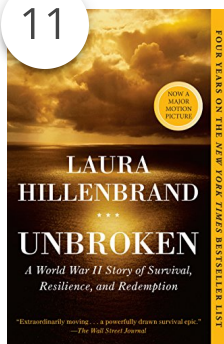
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Unbroken

A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption

Laura Hillenbrand



4.66

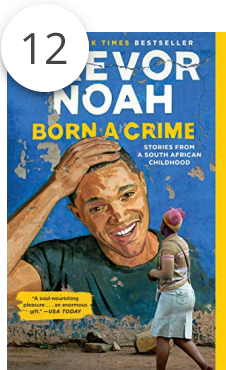
In her long-awaited new book, Laura Hillenbrand writes with the same rich and vivid narrative voice she displayed in *Seabiscuit*. Telling an unforgettable story of a man's journey into extremity, *Unbroken* is a testament to the resilience of the human mind, body, and spirit.

On a May afternoon in 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the

Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and blood. Then,... [more](#)

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Born a Crime

Stories from a South African Childhood

Trevor Noah



4.65

Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of The Daily Show began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. Living proof of his parents' indiscretion, Trevor was kept mostly indoors for the earliest years of his life, bound by the extreme and often absurd measures his mother took to hide him from a government that could, at any moment, steal him away. Finally liberated by the end of South Africa's tyrannical white rule, Trevor and his mother set... [more](#)



Recommended by [Bill Gates](#), Mark Suster, Heather Zynczak, and 6 others.



[Bill Gates](#)

As a longtime fan of The Daily Show, I loved reading this memoir about how its host honed his outsider approach to comedy over a lifetime of never quite fitting in. Born to a black South African mother and a white Swiss father in apartheid South Africa, he entered the world as a biracial child in a country where mixed race relationships were forbidden. Much of Noah's story of growing up in South... [\(Source\)](#)



[Mark Suster](#)

Please don't read @Trevornoah's book "Born a Crime." It's such a remarkable story that you need to hear him narrate it on @audible_com. You'll laugh out loud, cry, get angry, be in disbelief.

You'll have many "driveway moments" where you can't stop even though you're home ([Source](#))



Heather Zynczak

So excited for our latest speaker announcement for #PSLIVE19! Trevor Noah! I am a huge @TheDailyShow fan! And his book -Born a Crime -and life story are amazing. Can't wait! Join us!
<https://t.co/N6ykJq7TOy> <https://t.co/r0dlx5RFVI> ([Source](#))

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WHEN
BREATH
BECOMES

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PAUL KALANITHI
FOREWORD BY ABRAHAM VERGHESE

When Breath Becomes Air

Paul Kalanithi, Abraham Verghese



4.65

At the age of thirty-six, on the verge of completing a decade's worth of training as a neurosurgeon, Paul Kalanithi was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. One day he was a doctor treating the dying, and the next he was a patient struggling to live. And just like that, the future he and his wife had imagined evaporated. *When Breath Becomes Air* chronicles Kalanithi's transformation from a naïve medical student "possessed," as he wrote, "by the question of what, given that all organisms die, makes a virtuous and meaningful life" into a neurosurgeon at Stanford working in the brain, the... [more](#)



Recommended by [Bill Gates](#), [Ryan Holiday](#),

[Bethany S. Mandel](#), and 5 others.



[Bill Gates](#)

I don't know how Kalanithi found the physical strength to write this book while he was so debilitated by the disease and then potent chemotherapy. But I'm so glad he did. He spent his whole brief life searching for meaning in one way or another -- through books, writing, medicine, surgery, and science. I'm grateful that, by reading this book, I got to witness a small part of that journey. I just... ([Source](#))



[Ryan Holiday](#)

Despite its popularity, *When Breath Becomes Air* is actually underrated. It's make-you-cry good. ([Source](#))



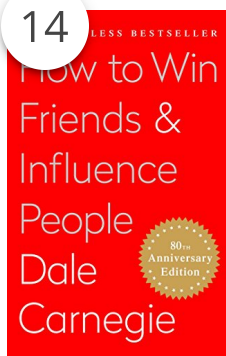
Bethany S. Mandel

More Shabbat reading recommendations: This book was breathtaking and such a powerful advertisement for the joy of parenthood. <https://t.co/V8BH97eiL9> ([Source](#))

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How to Win Friends & Influence People

Dale Carnegie



4.64

You can go after the job you want—and get it!
You can take the job you have—and improve it!
You can take any situation—and make it work for you!

Dale Carnegie's rock-solid, time-tested advice has carried countless people up the ladder of success in their business and personal lives. One of the most groundbreaking and timeless bestsellers of all time, *How to Win Friends & Influence People* will teach you:

- Six ways to make people like you
- Twelve ways to win people to your way of thinking
- Nine ways to change people without arousing... [more](#)



Recommended by [John Doerr](#), [John C.](#)

[Maxwell](#), [Dave Ramsey](#), and 61 others.



[Dave Ramsey](#)

[Dave Ramsey recommended this book on his website.] ([Source](#))



Daymond John

I love all the Dale Carnegie books. ([Source](#))



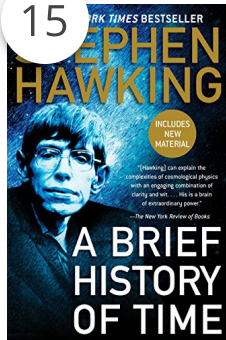
Dustin Moskovitz

Seek to be understood. ([Source](#))

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A Brief History of Time

Stephen Hawking



4.63

In the ten years since its publication in 1988, Stephen Hawking's classic work has become a landmark volume in scientific writing, with more than nine million copies in forty languages sold worldwide. That edition was on the cutting edge of what was then known about the origins and nature of the universe. But the intervening years have seen extraordinary advances in the technology of observing both the micro- and the macrocosmic worlds. These observations have confirmed many of Professor Hawking's theoretical predictions in the first edition of his book, including the recent discoveries of... [more](#)



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Hooper, Adam Hart-Davis, and 5 others.



[Richard Branson](#)

Today is World Book Day, a wonderful opportunity to address this #ChallengeRichard sent in by Mike Gonzalez of New Jersey: Make a list of your top 65 books to read in a lifetime. ([Source](#))



Dan Hooper

Everybody knows Hawking's greatest contributions: understanding that black holes radiate light and other particles, that they contain entropy and all these things that no one imagined before him. Hawking and Roger Penrose also worked out the Big Bang singularity, the very moment of creation. To hear him describe some of these things with his own word choices, his own phrasing—not to mention his... ([Source](#))



Adam Hart-Davis

When Stephen Hawking wrote A Brief History of Time..his publisher told him that every equation he left in would halve the number of readers ([Source](#))

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Becoming

Michelle Obama



4.61

In a life filled with meaning and accomplishment, Michelle Obama has emerged as one of the most iconic and compelling women of our era. As First Lady of the United States of America—the first African American to serve in that role—she helped create the most welcoming and inclusive White House in history, while also establishing herself as a powerful advocate for women and girls in the U.S. and around the world, dramatically changing the ways that families pursue healthier and more active lives, and standing with her husband as he led America through some of its most harrowing moments. Along... [more](#)



Recommended by [Barack Obama](#), Piers

Morgan, Randi Zuckerberg, and 6 others.



[Barack Obama](#)

Of course, @MichelleObama's my wife, so I'm a little biased here. But she also happens to be brilliant, funny, wise – one of a kind. This book tells her quintessentially American story. I love it because it faithfully reflects the woman I have loved for so long. ([Source](#))



Piers Morgan

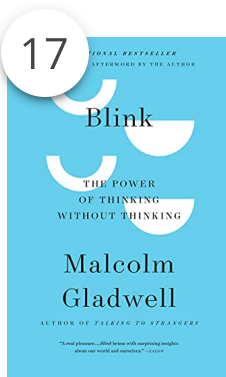
Congrats to @MichelleObama on sensational sales of her new book #Becoming. I always take people as I find them & when I met her at the White House, she was a delightfully warm, friendly & genuine lady. A great First Lady & now a best-selling author. <https://t.co/nISUHI01SM> ([Source](#))



Randi Zuckerberg

"I love the book Becoming by @MichelleObama and Creative Curve by Allen Gannett." @GoldieChan ([Source](#))

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Blink

The Power of Thinking Without Thinking

Malcolm Gladwell



4.60

Drawing on cutting-edge neuroscience and psychology and displaying all of the brilliance that made *The Tipping Point* a classic, *Blink* changes the way you'll understand every decision you make. Never again will you think about thinking the same way.

Malcolm Gladwell redefined how we understand the world around us. Now, in *Blink*, he revolutionizes the way we understand the world within. *Blink* is a book about how we think without thinking, about choices that seem to be made in an instant - in the blink of an eye - that actually aren't as simple as they seem. Why are some... [more](#)



Recommended by Ev Williams, Mike Shinoda, Marillyn Hewson, and 7 others.



Mike Shinoda

I know most of the guys in the band read [this book]. ([Source](#))



Marillyn Hewson

CEO Marilyn Hewson recommends this book because it helped her to trust her instincts in business. ([Source](#))

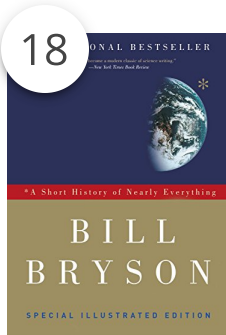


Cat Williams-Treloar

The books that I've talked the most about with friends and colleagues over the years are the Malcolm Gladwell series of novels. Glorious stories that mix science, behaviours and insight. You can't go wrong with the "The Tipping Point", "Outliers", "Blink" or "David & Goliath". ([Source](#))

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A Short History of Nearly Everything

Bill Bryson



4.59

In Bryson's biggest book, he confronts his greatest challenge: to understand—and, if possible, answer—the oldest, biggest questions we have posed about the universe and ourselves. Taking as territory everything from the Big Bang to the rise of civilization, Bryson seeks to understand how we got from there being nothing at all to there being us. To that end, he has attached himself to a host of the world's most advanced (and often obsessed) archaeologists, anthropologists, and mathematicians, travelling to their offices, laboratories, and field camps. He has read (or tried to read) their... [more](#)



Recommended by Amanda Palmer, Fabrice

Grinda, David Goldberg, and 3 others.



Amanda Palmer

[Amanda Palmer recommended this book in the book "Tools of Titans".] ([Source](#))



Fabrice Grinda

I have lots of books to recommend, but they are not related to my career path. The only one that is remotely related is Peter Thiel's Zero to One. That said here are books I would recommend. ([Source](#))



David Goldberg

What I really liked about A Short History of Nearly Everything is that it gives an excellent account of a lot of the personalities and the interconnectedness of important discoveries in cosmology and elsewhere. He does such a great job of bringing together our understanding of cosmology, evolution, paleontology, and geology in a very, very fluid way. ([Source](#))

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Guns, Germs and Steel

The Fates of Human Societies

Jared Diamond Ph.D.



4.58

Explaining what William McNeill called *The Rise of the West* has become the central problem in the study of global history. In *Guns, Germs, and Steel* Jared Diamond presents the biologist's answer: geography, demography, and ecological happenstance. Diamond evenhandedly reviews human history on every continent since the Ice Age at a rate that emphasizes only the broadest movements of peoples and ideas. Yet his survey is binocular: one eye has the rather distant vision of the evolutionary biologist, while the other eye--and his heart--belongs to the people of New Guinea, where he... [more](#)



Recommended by [Bill Gates](#), [Charles T.](#)

[Munger](#), [Charlie Munger](#), and 15 others.



[Bill Gates](#)

Fascinating.... Lays a foundation for understanding human history. [\(Source\)](#)



[Simon Sinek](#)

I'm a fan of books that challenge our assumptions, and Diamond offers us a new and remarkably simple way of looking at our world. Learning to challenge existing assumptions is core to effective leadership for it trains us to keep an open mind. [\(Source\)](#)

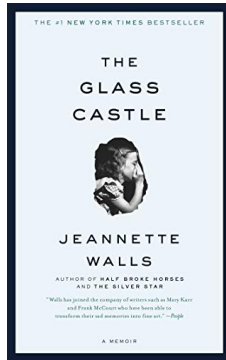


[Yuval Noah Harari](#)

A book of big questions, and big answers. The book turned me from a historian of medieval warfare into a student of humankind. [\(Source\)](#)

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The Glass Castle

Jeannette Walls



4.58

A tender, moving tale of unconditional love in a family that, despite its profound flaws, gave the author the fiery determination to carve out a successful life on her own terms.

Jeannette Walls grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were both their curse and their salvation. Rex and Rose Mary Walls had four children. In the beginning, they lived like nomads, moving among Southwest desert towns, camping in the mountains. Rex was a charismatic, brilliant man who, when sober, captured his children's imagination, teaching them physics, geology, and above all, how... [more](#)

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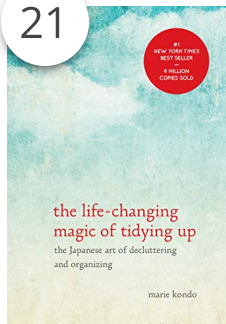
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The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up

The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing

Marie Kondō



4.58

Despite constant efforts to declutter your home, do papers still accumulate like snowdrifts and clothes pile up like a tangled mess of noodles?

Japanese cleaning consultant Marie Kondo takes tidying to a whole new level, promising that if you properly simplify and organize your home once, you'll never have to do it again. Most methods advocate a room-by-room or little-by-little approach, which doom you to pick away at your piles of stuff forever. The KonMari Method, with its revolutionary category-by-category system, leads to lasting results. In fact, none of Kondo's clients have lapsed...

[more](#)



Recommended by [David Heinemeier Hansson](#),

David Kadavy, Benjamin Spall, and 6 others.



[David Heinemeier Hansson](#)

On a lighter note, I finished *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing* by Marie Kondo. It's a short book, but it still manages to repeat itself a lot. And yet the core patterns it covers are as effective as they are simple. I've been on a decluttering kick at home and feel so much better because of it. It was also the kickstarter for the conversation... [\(Source\)](#)



Benjamin Spall

The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up by Marie Kondo [...] I started reading on vacation. I interviewed Marie for my own book and while the translation is somewhat quirky in places, her book is worth the hype. [\(Source\)](#)



Annie Loves Covfefe

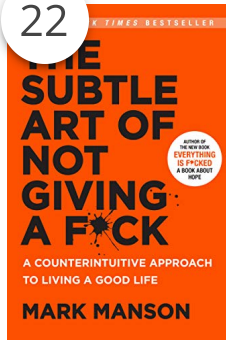


@Benny29143790 @Thereal_ssteele Oh how I love Kondo cleaning. Her first book is fantastic too!! ([Source](#))

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The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F*ck

A Counterintuitive Approach to Living a Good Life

Mark Manson, Roger Wayne, et al



4.55

Alternate cover edition of ISBN 9780062457738

In this generation-defining self-help guide, a superstar blogger cuts through the crap to show us how to stop trying to be "positive" all the time so that we can truly become better, happier people.

For decades, we've been told that positive thinking is the key to a happy, rich life. "F**k positivity," Mark Manson says. "Let's be honest, shit is f**ked and we have to live with it." In his wildly popular Internet blog, Manson doesn't sugarcoat or equivocate. He tells it like it is—a dose of raw, refreshing, honest truth... [more](#)



Recommended by [Ryan Holiday](#), Jason

Kander, Jason Hook, and 24 others.



[Ryan Holiday](#)

I loved Mark Manson's The Subtle Art of Not Giving A Fuck. There's a reason this book is blowing up. It's that good. ([Source](#))



Jason Kander

Tomorrow morning is the season finale of @dianakander's podcast #ProfessionalAF. It's a conversation with yours truly about mental health and "The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F***," a book I read last year at the suggestion of my therapist at the VA. Subscribe now! Enjoy tomorrow! ([Source](#))



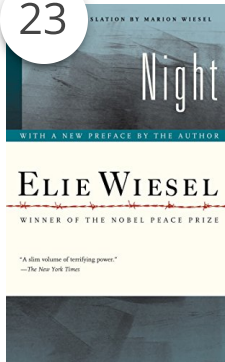
Jason Hook

My new favorite book! ... super relatable! 🥰 I highly recommend it.
#selfimprovement #fivefingerdeathpunch <https://t.co/BrybqTuayH>
(Source)

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Night

Elie Wiesel, Marion Wiesel



4.55

Night is Elie Wiesel's masterpiece, a candid, horrific, and deeply poignant autobiographical account of his survival as a teenager in the Nazi death camps. This new translation by Marion Wiesel, Elie's wife and frequent translator, presents this seminal memoir in the language and spirit truest to the author's original intent. And in a substantive new preface, Elie reflects on the enduring importance of *Night* and his lifelong, passionate dedication to ensuring that the world never forgets man's capacity for inhumanity to man.

Night offers much more than a litany of the... [more](#)



Recommended by Johanna Reiss, Steven Katz, and 2 others.



Johanna Reiss

Elie Wiesel wrote..that he was considering running into the barbed wire once, but he didn't because his father needed him. (Source)

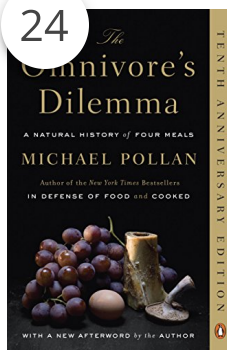


Steven Katz

Probably the best known memoir that has been written about the experience of the death camps. (Source)

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The Omnivore's Dilemma

A Natural History of Four Meals

Michael Pollan



4.54

What should we have for dinner? For omnivore's like ourselves, this simple question has always posed a dilemma: When you can eat just about anything nature (or the supermarket) has to offer, deciding what you should eat will inevitably stir anxiety, especially when some of the foods on offer might shorten your life. Today, buffeted by one food fad after another, America is suffering from what can only be described as a national eating disorder. The omnivore's dilemma has returned with a vengeance, as the cornucopia of the modern American supermarket and fast-food outlet confronts us with a... [more](#)



Recommended by Barry Estabrook, Gabriel

Coarna, Tristram Stuart, and 4 others.



Barry Estabrook

Michael Pollan looks at food production through four meals. One is a fast-food meal, the other is an industrial-scale organic meal, then there is a small-scale organic meal and finally he actually goes out and either grows or kills, in the case of the meat, the entire meal himself. That is the narrative. ([Source](#))



Gabriel Coarna

Michael Pollan's "The Omnivore's Dilemma" --more precisely, the first 3rd of it-- was what first made me realize how badly the Earth, as an ecosystem, is out of balance. ([Source](#))



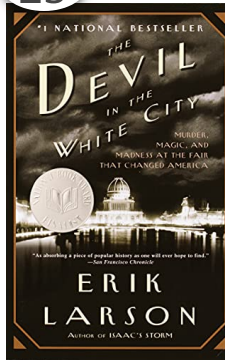
Tristram Stuart

He concludes that there is food out there that tastes good, is good for us and is good for the planet. ([Source](#))

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The Devil in the White City

Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America

Erik Larson



4.53

Author Erik Larson imbues the incredible events surrounding the 1893 Chicago World's Fair with such drama that readers may find themselves checking the book's categorization to be sure that 'The Devil in the White City' is not, in fact, a highly imaginative novel. Larson tells the stories of two men: Daniel H. Burnham, the architect responsible for the fair's construction, and H.H. Holmes, a serial killer masquerading as a charming doctor.

Burnham's challenge was immense. In a short period of time, he was forced to overcome the death of his partner and numerous other obstacles to... [more](#)



Recommended by Melissa Jacobs, and 1 others.

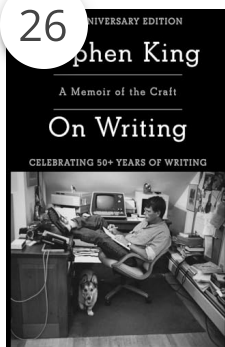


Melissa Jacobs

@Turk0219 Agree, that book was amazing! ([Source](#))

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On Writing

A Memoir of the Craft

Stephen King

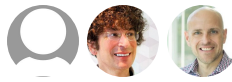


4.53

Immensely helpful and illuminating to any aspiring writer, Stephen King's critically lauded, classic bestseller shares the experiences, habits, and convictions that have shaped him and his work.

"Long live the King" hailed *Entertainment Weekly* upon publication of

Stephen King's *On Writing*. Part memoir, part master class by one of the bestselling authors of all time, this superb volume is a revealing and practical view of the writer's craft, comprising the basic tools of the trade every writer must have. King's advice is grounded in his vivid memories from childhood... [more](#)



Recommended by [Mark Manson](#), [James](#)

[Altucher](#), [Ken Norton](#), and 11 others.



[Mark Manson](#)

I read a bunch of books on writing before I wrote my first book and the two that stuck with me were Stephen King's book and "On Writing Well" by Zinsser (which is a bit on the technical side). ([Source](#))



[Jennifer Rock](#)

If you are interested in writing and communication, start with reading and understanding the technical aspects of the craft: *The Elements of Style*. *On Writing Well*. *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft*. ([Source](#))

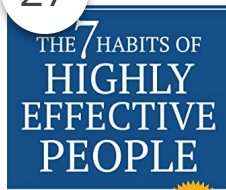


[Benjamin Spall](#)

[Question: What five books would you recommend to youngsters interested in your professional path?] *On Writing: A Memoir Of The Craft* by Stephen King, [...] ([Source](#))

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The Infographics Edition

Stephen R. Covey

FranklinCovey

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

Powerful Lessons in Personal Change

Stephen R. Covey



4.53

When Stephen Covey first released *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, the book became an instant rage because people suddenly got up and took notice that their lives were headed off in the wrong direction; and more than that, they realized that there were so many simple things they could do in order to navigate their life correctly. This book was wonderful education for people, education in how to live life effectively and get closer to the ideal of being a 'success' in life.

But not everyone understands Stephen Covey's model fully well, or maybe there are some people who... [more](#)



Recommended by [Simon Sinek](#), [John C.](#)

[Maxwell](#), [Dave Ramsey](#), and 21 others.



Dustin Moskovitz

[I] was surprised at how familiar the topics felt. ([Source](#))



[Dave Ramsey](#)

[Dave Ramsey recommended this book on his website.] ([Source](#))

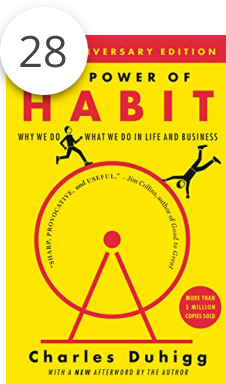


Robert Kelsey

I do think you should think about where you want to be in ten years' time and visualize it very closely and in great detail. ([Source](#))

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The Power of Habit

Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business

Charles Duhigg



4.52

A young woman walks into a laboratory. Over the past two years, she has transformed almost every aspect of her life. She has quit smoking, run a marathon, and been promoted at work. The patterns inside her brain, neurologists discover, have fundamentally changed.

Marketers at Procter & Gamble study videos of people making their beds. They are desperately trying to figure out how to sell a new product called Febreze, on track to be one of the biggest flops in company history. Suddenly, one of them detects a nearly imperceptible pattern—and with a slight shift in advertising,... [more](#)



Recommended by [Naval Ravikant](#), [Blake](#)

[Irving](#), [Joel Gascoigne](#), and 18 others.



[Naval Ravikant](#)

I also recently finished The Power of Habit, or close to finish as I get. That one was interesting, not because of its content necessarily, but because it's good for me to always keep on top of mind how powerful

my habits are. [...] I think learning how to break habits is a very important meta-skill that can serve you better in life than almost anything else. Although you can read tons of books... [\(Source\)](#)



Blake Irving

You know, there's a book called The Power of Habit by Charles Duhigg. Simple read book about just how to build positive habits that can be I think I what I'd call you know whether in your personal life or whether in your business life to help you build you know, have a loop that can build your success and that's one I mean there are so many great books out there. [\(Source\)](#)

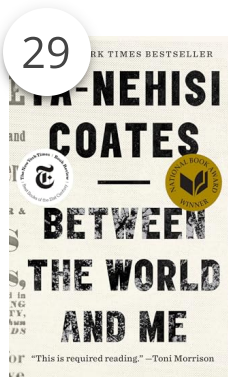


Joel Gascoigne

This book introduced me to the idea of 'keystone habits', which are ones where if you focus on them then they can transform your whole state and can trigger further healthy changes. [\(Source\)](#)

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Between the World and Me

Ta-Nehisi Coates



4.51

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER [LONGLISTED FOR THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD [Hailed by Toni Morrison as "required reading," a bold and personal literary exploration of America's racial history by "the single best writer on the subject of race in the United States" (The New York Observer)

"This is your country, this is your world, this is your body, and you must find some way to live within the all of it."

In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates... [more](#)



Recommended by [Barack Obama](#), [Jack](#)

[Dorsey](#), [James Altucher](#), and 8 others.



[Barack Obama](#)

The president also released a list of his summer favorites back in 2015: All That Is, James Salter The Sixth Extinction, Elizabeth Kolbert The Lowland, Jhumpa Lahiri Between the World and Me, Ta-Nehisi Coates Washington: A Life, Ron Chernow All the Light We Cannot See, Anthony Doerr ([Source](#))



[Jack Dorsey](#)

Q: What are the books that had a major influence on you? Or simply the ones you like the most. : Tao te Ching, score takes care of itself, between the world and me, the four agreements, the old man and the sea...I love reading! ([Source](#))

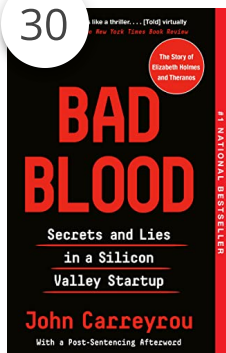


[Doug McMillon](#)

Here are some of my favorite reads from 2017. Lots of friends and colleagues send me book suggestions and it's impossible to squeeze them all in. I continue to be super curious about how digital and tech are enabling people to transform our lives but I try to read a good mix of books that apply to a variety of areas and stretch my thinking more broadly. ([Source](#))

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Bad Blood

Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup

John Carreyrou



4.47

The full inside story of the breathtaking rise and shocking collapse of a multibillion-dollar startup, by the prize-winning journalist who first broke the story and pursued it to the end in the face of pressure and threats from the CEO and her lawyers.

In 2014, Theranos founder and CEO Elizabeth Holmes was widely seen as the female Steve Jobs: a brilliant Stanford dropout whose startup "unicorn" promised to revolutionize the medical industry with a machine that would make blood tests significantly faster and easier. Backed by investors such as Larry Ellison and Tim Draper,... [more](#)



Recommended by [Bill Gates](#), Brad Feld, [Andrew Chen](#), and 15 others.



[Bill Gates](#)

A bunch of my friends recommended this one to me. Carreyrou gives you the definitive insider's look at the rise and fall of Theranos. The story is even crazier than I expected, and I found myself unable to put it down once I started. This book has everything: elaborate scams, corporate intrigue, magazine cover stories, ruined family relationships, and the demise of a company once valued at nearly...
([Source](#))



[Brad Feld](#)

Every entrepreneur and VC should read this book. John Carreyrou has done something important here. Maybe this book will finally put a nail in the phrase "fake it till you make it", but I doubt it. The amount of lying, disingenuousness, blatant and unjustified self-promotion, and downright deceit that exists in entrepreneurship right now is at a local maximum. This always happens when...
([Source](#))



[Andrew Chen](#)

Finished "bad blood" on the Theranos scandal. Wow. Just wow. It's a must read for everyone in tech and startups. Just 1-click buy it :)
Amazing how far charisma and social proof got them. Here's the NYT review of the book <https://t.co/PyMGxfoG2R> ([Source](#))

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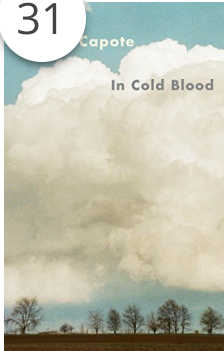
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In Cold Blood

Truman Capote



4.46

On November 15, 1959, in the small town of Holcomb, Kansas, four members of the Clutter family were savagely murdered by blasts from a shotgun held a few inches from their faces. There was no apparent motive for the crime, and there were almost no clues.

As Truman Capote reconstructs the murder and the investigation that led to the capture, trial, and execution of the killers, he generates both mesmerizing suspense and astonishing empathy. At the center of his study are the amoral young killers Perry Smith and Dick Hickcock, who, vividly drawn by Capote, are shown to be... [more](#)



Recommended by [Lynda La Plante](#), [Ben](#)

[Shapiro](#), [R J Ellory](#), and 3 others.



[Lynda La Plante](#)

One of the reasons I like this true crime novelisation is down to the fact it was so out of character for Capote and took everyone by surprise. It is also an excellent, almost biographical, insight into the two young killers' minds. ([Source](#))



[Ben Shapiro](#)

Truman Capote's best book. It's a really, really good book. ([Source](#))

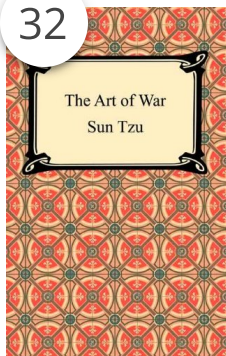


[R J Ellory](#)

I think in all honesty it is one of the finest books ever written. It took him six years to finish it because he had to wait for the court case and the final verdict which was the two perpetrators being executed. ([Source](#))

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The Art of War

Sun Tzu



4.45

For more than two thousand years, *The Art of War* has stood as a cornerstone of Chinese culture—a lucid epigrammatic text that reveals as much about human psychology, politics, and economics as it does about battlefield strategy. The influence of Sun-tzu's text has grown tremendously in the West in recent years, with military leaders, politicians, and corporate executives alike finding valuable insight in these ancient words. In his crisp, accessible new translation, scholar John Minford brings this seminal work to life for modern readers.

Minford opens with a lively,... [more](#)



Recommended by [Reid Hoffman](#), Steve Blank, [Neil deGrasse Tyson](#), and 17 others.



[Reid Hoffman](#)

Reid read Carl von Clausewitz and Sun Tzu as a boy, which informed his strategic thinking. ([Source](#))



[Neil deGrasse Tyson](#)

Which books should be read by every single intelligent person on planet? [...] The Art of War (Sun Tsu) [to learn that the act of killing fellow humans can be raised to an art]. If you read all of the above works you will glean profound insight into most of what has driven the history of the western world. ([Source](#))



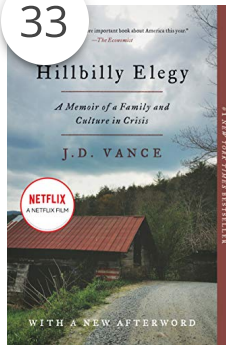
[Evan Spiegel](#)

After meeting Mark Zuckerberg, [Evan Spiegel] immediately bought every [Snapchat] employee a copy of 'The Art Of War'. ([Source](#))

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Hillbilly Elegy

A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis

J. D. Vance



4.44

From a former marine and Yale Law School graduate, a powerful account of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town that offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America's white working class

Hillbilly Elegy is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of white working-class Americans. The decline of this group, a demographic of our country that has been slowly disintegrating over forty years, has been reported on with growing frequency and alarm, but has never before been written about as searingly from the inside. J. D. Vance tells the true story... [more](#)



Recommended by [Bill Gates](#), [Ryan Holiday](#),

[Ben Shapiro](#), and 5 others.



[Bill Gates](#)

The disadvantaged world of poor white Appalachia described in this terrific, heartbreaking book is one that I know only vicariously. Vance was raised largely by his loving but volatile grandparents, who stepped in after his father abandoned him and his mother showed little interest in parenting her son. Against all odds, he survived his chaotic, impoverished childhood only to land at Yale Law... [\(Source\)](#)



[Ryan Holiday](#)

In terms of other surprising memoirs, I found JD Vance's *Hillbilly Elegy* to be another well-written gem. [\(Source\)](#)



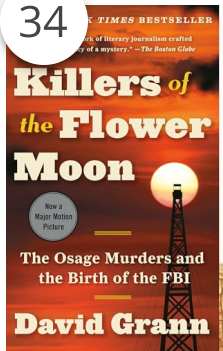
[Ben Shapiro](#)

A very well-written book. [...] The whole thing is a critique of individual decisions. [\(Source\)](#)

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Killers of the Flower Moon

The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI

David Grann



4.43

In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Indian Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe.

Then, one by one, they began to be killed off. One Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, watched as her family was murdered. Her older sister was shot. Her mother was then slowly poisoned. And it was just the beginning, as more Osage began to die under mysterious circumstances.

In this last remnant of the Wild West—where... [more](#)



Recommended by Jacqueline Novogratz, and 1 others.



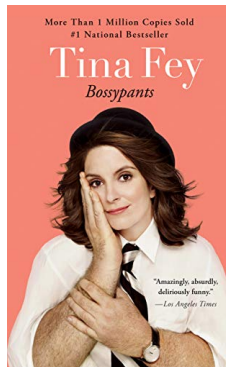
Jacqueline Novogratz

Reads like a novel while giving a deeper understanding of both the good and the terrible that humans are capable of. ([Source](#))

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Bossypants

Tina Fey



4.40

Tina Fey is one of the world's greatest comic writers and performers. Here she reveals all, and proves what we've all suspected - you're no one until someone calls you bossy. [more](#)



Recommended by Sheryl Sandberg, and 1 others.



Sheryl Sandberg

I absolutely loved Tina Fey's "Bossypants" and didn't want it to end. It's hilarious as well as important. Not only was I laughing on every page, but I was nodding along, highlighting and dog-earing like crazy. [...] It is so, so good. As a young girl, I was labeled bossy, too, so as a former - O.K., current - bossypants, I am grateful to Tina for being outspoken, unapologetic and hysterically... [\(Source\)](#)

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SACKS

*The Man Who Mistook
His Wife for a Hat*

"Dr. P was a musician of distinction, well-known for many years as a singer, and then, at the local School of Music, as a teacher. It was here, in relation to his students, that certain strange..."



The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat and Other Clinical Tales

Oliver Sacks



4.40

If a man has lost a leg or an eye, he knows he has lost a leg or an eye; but if he has lost a self—himself—he cannot know it, because he is no longer there to know it. Dr. Oliver Sacks recounts the stories of patients struggling to adapt to often bizarre worlds of neurological disorder. Here are people who can no longer recognize everyday objects or those they love; who are stricken with violent tics or shout involuntary obscenities; who have been dismissed as autistic or retarded, yet are gifted with

uncanny artistic or mathematical talents. If inconceivably strange, these brilliant tales... [more](#)



Recommended by Suzanne O'Sullivan, Tanya Byron, Bradley Voytek, and 3 others.



Suzanne O'Sullivan

I didn't choose neurology because of it but the way Oliver Sacks writes about neurology is very compelling. ([Source](#))



Tanya Byron

This is a seminal book that anyone who wants to work in mental health should read. It is a charming and gentle and also an honest exposé of what can happen to us when our mental health is compromised for whatever reason. ([Source](#))

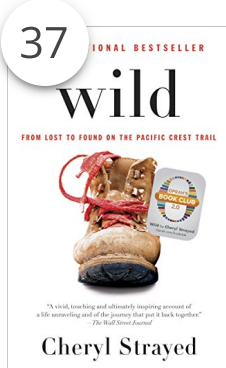


Bradley Voytek

I can't imagine one day waking up and not knowing who my wife is, or seeing my wife and thinking that she was replaced by some sort of clone or robot. But that could happen to any of us. ([Source](#))

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Wild

From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail

Cheryl Strayed



4.37

An alternate cover for this ISBN can be found [here](#).

At twenty-two, Cheryl Strayed thought she had lost everything. In the wake of her mother's death, her family scattered and her own marriage was soon destroyed. Four years later, with nothing more to lose, she made the most impulsive decision of her life. With no experience or training, driven only by blind will, she would hike more than a thousand miles of the Pacific Crest Trail from the Mojave Desert through California and Oregon to Washington State —... [more](#)



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Goldstone, and 2 others.



Nancy Goldstone

I found the narrative honest and riveting. The author used the journey through the hiking trail to work out her problems. ([Source](#))

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Into Thin Air

A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster

Jon Krakauer



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When Jon Krakauer reached the summit of Mt. Everest in the early afternoon of May 10, 1996, he hadn't slept in fifty-seven hours and was reeling from the brain-altering effects of oxygen depletion. As he turned to begin his long, dangerous descent from 29,028 feet, twenty other climbers were still pushing doggedly toward the top. No one had noticed that the sky had begun to fill with clouds. Six hours later and 3,000 feet lower, in 70-knot winds and blinding snow, Krakauer collapsed in his tent, freezing, hallucinating from exhaustion and hypoxia, but safe. The following morning, he learned... [more](#)



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Phang, Holger Seim, and 5 others.



[Richard Branson](#)

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Katie Phang

@AshaRangappa_ @yashar It's an amazing book! ([Source](#))

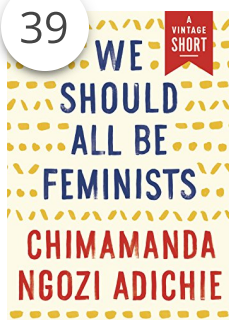


Holger Seim

eval(ez_write_tag([[250,250],'theceolibrary_com-large-mobile-banner-2','ezslot_6',164,'0','1'])); When it comes to adventure stories, I love Into Thin Air. ([Source](#))

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We Should All Be Feminists

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie



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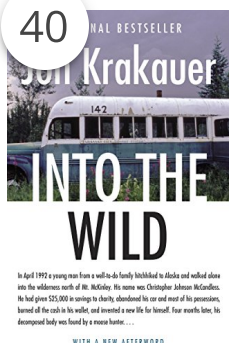
What does “feminism” mean today? That is the question at the heart of *We Should All Be Feminists*, a personal, eloquently-argued essay—adapted from her much-viewed TEDx talk of the same name—by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, the award-winning author of *Americanah* and *Half of a Yellow Sun*.

With humor and levity, here Adichie offers readers a unique definition of feminism for the twenty-first century—one rooted in inclusion and awareness. She shines a light not only on blatant discrimination, but also the more insidious, institutional behaviors that marginalize women...

[more](#)

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Into the Wild

Jon Krakauer



4.36

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In April, 1992, a young man from a well-to-do family hitchhiked to Alaska and walked alone into the wilderness north of Mt. McKinley. His name

was Christopher Johnson McCandless. He had given \$25,000 in savings to charity, abandoned his car and most of his possessions, burned all the cash in his wallet, and invented a new life for himself. Four months later, a party of moose hunters found his decomposed body. How... [more](#)



Recommended by Holger Seim, and 1 others.



Holger Seim

When it comes to adventure stories, Into the Wild. ([Source](#))

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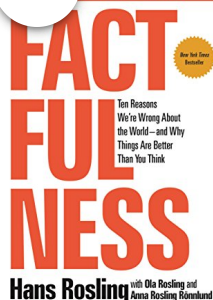
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Factfulness

Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World – and Why Things Are Better Than You Think

Hans Rosling, Anna Rosling Rönnlund, Ola Rosling



4.34

Factfulness: The stress-reducing habit of only carrying opinions for which you have strong supporting facts.

When asked simple questions about global trends—*what percentage of the world's population live in poverty; why the world's population is increasing; how many girls finish school*—we systematically get the answers wrong. So wrong that a chimpanzee choosing answers at random will consistently outguess teachers, journalists, Nobel laureates, and investment bankers.

In *Factfulness*, Professor of International Health and global TED phenomenon... [more](#)



Recommended by [Barack Obama](#), [Bill Gates](#), [Nigel Warburton](#), and 9 others.



[Barack Obama](#)

As 2018 draws to a close, I'm continuing a favorite tradition of mine and sharing my year-end lists. It gives me a moment to pause and reflect on the year through the books I found most thought-provoking, inspiring, or just plain loved. It also gives me a chance to highlight talented authors – some who are household names and others who you may not have heard of before. Here's my best of 2018... [\(Source\)](#)



[Bill Gates](#)

This was a breakthrough to me. The framework Hans enunciates is one that took me decades of working in global development to create for myself, and I could have never expressed it in such a clear way. I'm going to try to use this model moving forward. [\(Source\)](#)

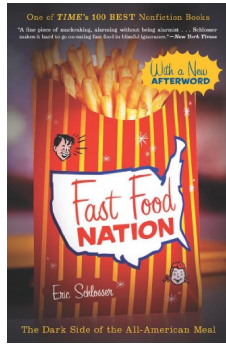


[Nigel Warburton](#)

It's an interesting book, it's very challenging. It may be over-optimistic. But it does have this startling effect on the readers of challenging widely held assumptions. It's a plea to look at the empirical data, and not just assume that you know how things are now. [\(Source\)](#)

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Fast Food Nation

The Dark Side of the All-American Meal

Eric Schlosser



4.31

Fast food has hastened the malling of our landscape, widened the chasm between rich and poor, fueled an epidemic of obesity, and propelled American cultural imperialism abroad. That's a lengthy list of charges, but here Eric Schlosser makes them stick with an artful mix of first-rate reportage, wry wit, and careful reasoning.

Schlosser's myth-shattering survey stretches from California's subdivisions where the business was born to the industrial corridor along the New Jersey Turnpike where many fast food's flavors are concocted. Along the way, he unearths a trove of fascinating,... [more](#)



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Honoré, Barry Estabrook, and 4 others.



[Richard Branson](#)

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Carl Honoré

This book again pulled together a lot of things I was hearing about in a journalistic, methodical, rigorous fashion. I found it a very alarming read, but also a reassuring one. One of the charges leveled at those who sing the praises of slowness is that we can get tarred with the brush of new ageism or airy fairyness. I'm not at all from that school. I'm a journalist and rigorous, and I know that... ([Source](#))



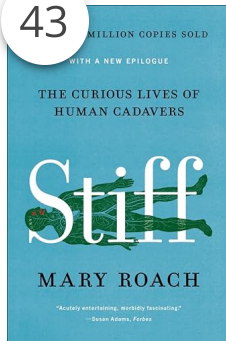
Barry Estabrook

Eric Schlosser takes apart a single fast-food meal and shows not only how it affects our health but also how the people who serve it to you are treated. He also looks at how the people in the slaughterhouses working with the cattle are treated, and so it shows you the true picture of the all-American meal – burgers and fries. ([Source](#))

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Stiff

The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers

Mary Roach

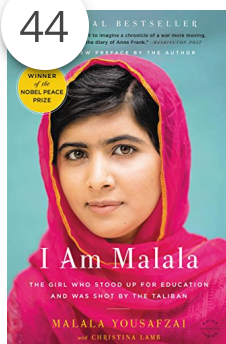


4.30

Stiff is an oddly compelling, often hilarious exploration of the strange lives of our bodies postmortem. For two thousand years, cadavers—some willingly, some unwittingly—have been involved in science's boldest strides and weirdest undertakings. In this fascinating account, Mary Roach visits the good deeds of cadavers over the centuries and tells the engrossing story of our bodies when we are no longer with them. [more](#)

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I Am Malala

The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban

Malala Yousafzai, Christina Lamb



4.30

I come from a country that was created at midnight. When I almost died it was just after midday.

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education.

On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, when she was fifteen, she almost paid the ultimate price. She was shot in the head at point-blank range while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive.

Instead, Malala's miraculous recovery has taken her on an extraordinary journey from a... [more](#)



Recommended by Adrienne Kisner, and 1 others.

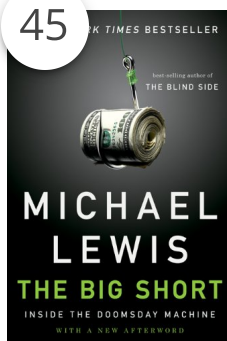


Adrienne Kisner

Malala's story of triumph is a battle cry for girls (and boys) everywhere. Education can set you free. ([Source](#))

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The Big Short

Inside the Doomsday Machine

Michael Lewis



4.29

The real story of the crash began in bizarre feeder markets where the sun doesn't shine and the SEC doesn't dare, or bother, to tread: the bond and real estate derivative markets where geeks invent impenetrable securities to profit from the misery of lower- and middle-class Americans who can't pay their debts. The smart people who understood what was or might be happening were paralyzed by hope and fear; in any case, they weren't talking.

Michael Lewis creates a fresh, character-driven narrative brimming with indignation and dark humor, a fitting sequel to his #1 bestseller... [more](#)



Recommended by Sheryl Sandberg, [Tim](#)

[Harford](#), [David Heinemeier Hansson](#), and 8 others.



Sheryl Sandberg

Michael Lewis's ability to boil down the most complicated subjects is like a magic trick. You can't believe your own eyes. He takes on important issues - from the 2008 Wall Street crash in "The Big Short" to parenting in "Home Game" - and breaks them down to the deepest

truths. His combination of an extraordinarily analytical mind and a deep understanding of human nature allows him to weave... [\(Source\)](#)



Tim Harford

If I had any criticism of the book, it's that he makes it seem too obvious. It becomes mysterious how anyone could have been confused. [\(Source\)](#)



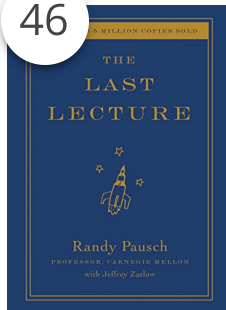
David Heinemeier Hansson

A good one. [\(Source\)](#)

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The Last Lecture

Randy Pausch, Jeffrey Zaslow, et al



4.29

A lot of professors give talks titled 'The Last Lecture'. Professors are asked to consider their demise and to ruminate on what matters most to them: What wisdom would we impart to the world if we knew it was our last chance? If we had to vanish tomorrow, what would we want as our legacy?

When Randy Pausch, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon, was asked to give such a lecture, he didn't have to imagine it as his last, since he had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer. But the lecture he gave, 'Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams', wasn't about dying. It was... [more](#)



Recommended by Gabriel Coarna, and 1 others.



Gabriel Coarna

I read "The Last Lecture" because I had seen Randy Pausch give this talk: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ji5_MqicxSo [\(Source\)](#)

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TIMES BESTSELLER

The **GOD** Delusion

Richard Dawkins

The God Delusion

Richard Dawkins



4.27

In his sensational international bestseller, the preeminent scientist and outspoken atheist Richard Dawkins delivers a hard-hitting, impassioned, but humorous, rebuttal of religious belief. With rigor and wit, Dawkins eviscerates the arguments for religion and demonstrates the supreme improbability of the existence of a supreme being. He makes a compelling case that faith is not just irrational but potentially deadly. In a preface written for the paperback edition, Dawkins responds to some of the controversies the book has incited. This brilliantly argued, provocative book challenges all of... [more](#)



Recommended by [Brian Armstrong](#), Susan Jacoby, Vote Dem For The Planet, and 4 others.



Susan Jacoby

Richard Dawkins is very funny. One of the reasons for reading The God Delusion is that it will disabuse you of the idea – which is a common stereotype of atheists – that they are utterly humourless. You hear this over and over again. I’m often invited to college campuses to give lectures, and often they’re religious schools – not fundamentalist schools, but colleges of a historically religious... [\(Source\)](#)



Vote Dem For The Planet

@KimBledsoe14 @Goodbye_Jesus @Ian313f There were a lot of rebels and drifters in those days against the repressive regime. They had followers. Have you read “The God Delusion”? Great book. [\(Source\)](#)



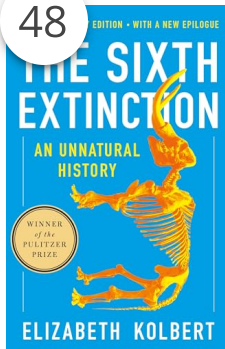
Antonio Eram

This book was recommended by Antonio when asked for titles he would recommend to young people interested in his career path.

(Source)

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The Sixth Extinction

An Unnatural History

Elizabeth Kolbert



4.26

Over the last half-billion years, there have been five mass extinctions, when the diversity of life on earth suddenly and dramatically contracted. Scientists around the world are currently monitoring the sixth extinction, predicted to be the most devastating extinction event since the asteroid impact that wiped out the dinosaurs. This time around, the cataclysm is us.

In prose that is at once frank, entertaining, and deeply informed, *The New Yorker* writer Elizabeth Kolbert tells us why and how human beings have altered life on the planet in a way no species has before.... [more](#)



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[Barack Obama](#)

The president also released a list of his summer favorites back in 2015: All That Is, James Salter *The Sixth Extinction*, Elizabeth Kolbert *The Lowland*, Jhumpa Lahiri *Between the World and Me*, Ta-Nehisi Coates *Washington: A Life*, Ron Chernow *All the Light We Cannot See*, Anthony Doerr ([Source](#))



[Bill Gates](#)

The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History, by Elizabeth Kolbert. Climate change is a big problem—one of the biggest we'll face this century—but it's not the only environmental concern on the horizon. Humans are putting down massive amounts of pavement, moving species around the planet, over-fishing and acidifying the oceans, changing the chemical composition of rivers, and more. Natural... ([Source](#))



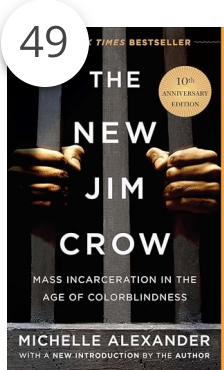
[Jeff Bezos](#)

"In his autobiography, Walmart's founder expounds on the principles of discount retailing and discusses his core values of frugality and a

bias for action — a willingness to try a lot of things and make many mistakes. Bezos included both in Amazon's corporate values," Brad Stone writes. ([Source](#))

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The New Jim Crow

Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness

Michelle Alexander, Cornel West



4.25

"Jarvious Cotton's great-great-grandfather could not vote as a slave. His great-grandfather was beaten to death by the Klu Klux Klan for attempting to vote. His grandfather was prevented from voting by Klan intimidation; his father was barred by poll taxes and literacy tests. Today, Cotton cannot vote because he, like many black men in the United States, has been labeled a felon and is currently on parole."

As the United States celebrates the nation's "triumph over race" with the election of Barack Obama, the majority of young black men in major American cities are locked behind... [more](#)



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[Mark Zuckerberg](#)

I read The New Jim Crow, a study of how the U.S. justice system disproportionately criminalizes and jails blacks and Latinos. Making our criminal justice system fairer and more effective is a huge challenge for our country. I'm going to keep learning about this topic, but some things are already clear: We can't jail our way to a just society, and our current system isn't working (adapted with... ([Source](#)))



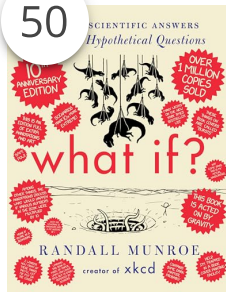
Peter Temin

The new Jim Crow that Michelle Alexander is talking about is mass incarceration. ([Source](#))

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What If? Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions

by Randall Munroe



4.24

Randall Munroe left NASA in 2005 to start up his hugely popular site XKCD 'a web comic of romance, sarcasm, math and language' which offers a witty take on the world of science and geeks. It now has 600,000 to a million page hits daily. Every now and then, Munroe would get emails asking him to arbitrate a science debate. 'My friend and I were arguing about what would happen if a bullet got struck by lightning, and we agreed that you should resolve it . . . ' He liked these questions so much that he started up *What If*.

If your cells suddenly lost the power to divide, how... [more](#)



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Fabrice Grinda, and 4 others.



[Bill Gates](#)

The subtitle of the book is "Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions," and that's exactly what it is. People write Munroe with questions that range over all fields of science: physics, chemistry, biology. Questions like, "From what height would you need to drop a steak for it to be cooked when it hit the ground?" (The answer, it turns out, is "high enough that it would..." [\(Source\)](#))



Rhett Allain

Also, this was covered in the @xkcdComic book What If (great book). <https://t.co/WmFgsxpszL> [\(Source\)](#)



Fabrice Grinda

I have lots of books to recommend, but they are not related to my career path. The only one that is remotely related is Peter Thiel's Zero to One. That said here are books I would recommend. [\(Source\)](#)

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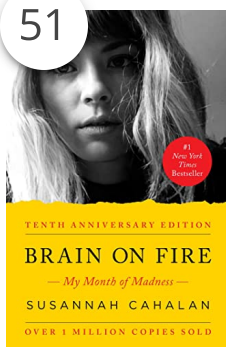
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Brain on Fire

My Month of Madness

Susannah Cahalan



4.23

An award-winning memoir and instant *New York Times* bestseller that goes far beyond its riveting medical mystery, *Brain on Fire* is the powerful account of one woman's struggle to recapture her identity.

When twenty-four-year-old Susannah Cahalan woke up alone in a hospital room, strapped to her bed and unable to move or speak, she had no memory of how she'd gotten there. Days earlier, she had been on the threshold of a new, adult life: at the beginning of her first serious relationship and a promising career at a major New York newspaper. Now she was labeled violent,... [more](#)



Recommended by Joann Corleyschwarzkopf, Jessica Flitter, and 2 others.



Joann Corleyschwarzkopf

Need a fun boost for your team? Want to jump-start great problem-solving? >Book a 1-hour #creativethinking, virtual experience & get a complimentary pdf copy - Brain on Fire: Unleashing Your Creative Superpowers! for each attendee #teambuilding Info here: <https://t.co/j6hOxMJrNH> <https://t.co/b9hAxV90Mf> (Source)



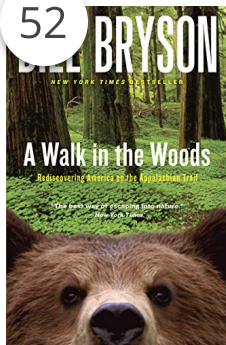
Jessica Flitter

The readability for me is probably the key element for students—and maybe for teachers as well—because it’s a book that you really can’t put down. If that’s what we need to make students readers, then I’m all for it. (Source)

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A Walk in the Woods

Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail

Bill Bryson

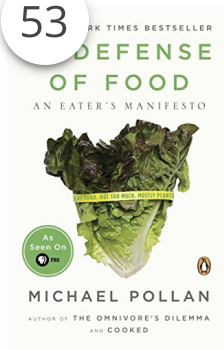


4.23

The Appalachian Trail stretches from Georgia to Maine and covers some of the most breathtaking terrain in America—majestic mountains, silent forests, sparking lakes. If you’re going to take a hike, it’s probably the place to go. And Bill Bryson is surely the most entertaining guide you’ll find. He introduces us to the history and ecology of the trail and to some of the other hardy (or just foolhardy) folks he meets along the way—and a couple of bears. Already a classic, *A Walk in the Woods* will make you long for the great outdoors (or at least a comfortable chair to sit and read in). [more](#)

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In Defense of Food

An Eater's Manifesto

Michael Pollan



4.23

Michael Pollan's last book, *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, launched a national conversation about the American way of eating; now *In Defense of Food* shows us how to change it, one meal at a time. Pollan proposes a new answer to the question of what we should eat that comes down to seven simple but liberating words: *Eat food. Not too much. Mostly plants.* Pollan's bracing and eloquent manifesto shows us how we can start making thoughtful food choices that will enrich our lives, enlarge our sense of what it means to be healthy, and bring pleasure back to eating...
[more](#)



Recommended by [Richard Branson](#), Henry Dimbleby, and 2 others.



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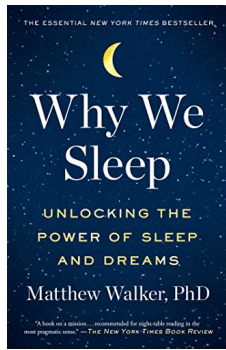
Henry Dimbleby

Pollan takes the science of food and shows where it's been misapplied. ([Source](#))

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Why We Sleep

Unlocking the Power of Sleep and Dreams

Matthew Walker PhD



4.22

"*Why We Sleep* is an important and fascinating book...Walker taught me a lot about this basic activity that every person on Earth needs. I suspect his book will do the same for you." —Bill Gates

A *New York Times* bestseller and international sensation, this "stimulating and important book" (*Financial Times*) is a fascinating dive into the purpose and power of slumber.

With two appearances on *CBS This Morning* and *Fresh Air*'s most popular interview of 2017, Matthew Walker has made abundantly clear that sleep is one of the most... [more](#)



Recommended by [Bill Gates](#), Brad Feld, Alexis Ohanian Sr., and 14 others.



Bill Gates

Explains how neglecting sleep undercuts your creativity, problem solving, decision-making, learning, memory, heart health, brain health, mental health, emotional well-being, immune system, and even your life span. ([Source](#))



Brad Feld

Several friends, who know I both love to sleep and am intrigued with how sleep works, recommended that I read *Why We Sleep: Unlocking the Power of Sleep and Dreams*. It was excellent. While my self-assessment of my sleep habits are very positive, I learned a few things. More importantly, I now have a much better understanding of the "Why" surrounding sleep, especially around sleep's importance to... ([Source](#))



Alexis Ohanian Sr.

Agree! Best book I've read this year. Wasted so many hours just proving to myself I'd be the last one up working at @reddit and for what??? Stupid. Diminishing marginal returns after enough hours without sleep. <https://t.co/CT7fDNBF3A> ([Source](#))

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Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (And Other Concerns)

Mindy Kaling



4.19

Mindy Kaling has lived many lives: the obedient child of immigrant professionals, a timid chubster afraid of her own bike, a Ben Affleck-impersonating Off-Broadway performer and playwright, and, finally, a comedy writer and actress prone to starting fights with her friends and coworkers with the sentence “Can I just say one last thing about this, and then I swear I’ll shut up about it?”

Perhaps you want to know what Mindy thinks makes a great best friend (someone who will fill your prescription in the middle of the night), or what makes a great guy (one who is aware of all... [more](#))



Recommended by Angela Kinsey, Yashar Ali, and 2 others.



Angela Kinsey

.@mindykaling I am rereading your book and cracking up. I appreciate your chapter on The Office so much more now. But all of it is fantastic. Thanks for starting my day with laughter. You know I loves ya. ❤️ <https://t.co/EB99xnyt0p> ([Source](#))

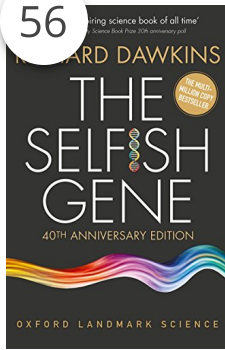


Yashar Ali

Reminds me of one of my favorite lines from @mindykaling's book (even though I'm an early riser): “There is no sunrise so beautiful that it is worth waking me up to see it.” <https://t.co/pS56bmyYjS> ([Source](#))

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The Selfish Gene

Richard Dawkins



4.19

Inheriting the mantle of revolutionary biologist from Darwin, Watson, and Crick, Richard Dawkins forced an enormous change in the way we see ourselves and the world with the publication of *The Selfish Gene*. Suppose, instead of thinking about organisms using genes to reproduce themselves, as we had since Mendel's work was rediscovered, we turn it around and imagine that "our" genes build and maintain us in order to make more genes. That simple reversal seems to answer many puzzlers which had stumped scientists for years, and we haven't thought of evolution in the same way since.

Why...

[more](#)



Recommended by [Charles T. Munger](#), [Ev Williams](#), [Matt Ridley](#), and 10 others.



[Charles T. Munger](#)

recommends this book in the second edition of Poor Charlie's Almanack. ([Source](#))



[Matt Ridley](#)

Turned evolutionary biology on its head and was written like a great detective story. ([Source](#))

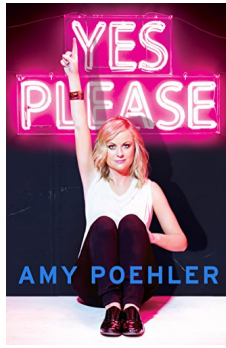


[Phil Libin](#)

Had a profound influence on me pretty early on. ([Source](#))

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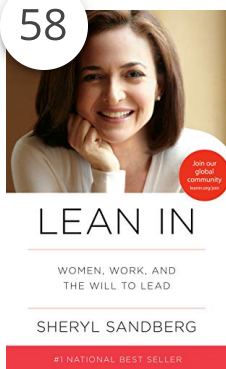
Amy Poehler



4.18

In Amy Poehler's highly anticipated first book, *Yes Please*, she offers up a big juicy stew of personal stories, funny bits on sex and love and friendship and parenthood and real life advice (some useful, some not so much), like when to be funny and when to be serious. Powered by Amy's charming and hilarious, biting yet wise voice, *Yes Please* is a book full of words to live by. [more](#)

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Lean In

Women, Work, and the Will to Lead

Sheryl Sandberg



4.18

Sheryl Sandberg's *Lean In* is a massive cultural phenomenon and its title has become an instant catchphrase for empowering women. The book soared to the top of bestseller lists internationally, igniting global conversations about women and ambition. Sandberg packed theatres, dominated opinion pages, appeared on every major television show and on the cover of *Time* magazine, and sparked ferocious debate about women and leadership. Ask most women whether they have the right to equality at work and the answer will be a resounding yes, but ask the same women whether they'd feel... [more](#)



Recommended by [Mark Zuckerberg](#), [Richard Branson](#), [Oprah Winfrey](#), and 16 others.

 [Richard Branson](#)

If you loved Sheryl Sandberg's incredible TED talk on why we have too few women leaders, or simply believe as I do that we need equality in the boardroom, then this book is for you. As Facebook's COO, Sheryl Sandberg has first-hand experience of why having more women in leadership roles is good for business as well as society. Lean In is essential reading for anyone interested in righting the... [\(Source\)](#)



Mark Zuckerberg

For the past five years, I've sat at a desk next to Sheryl and I've learned something from her almost every day. She has a remarkable intelligence that can cut through complex processes and find solutions to the hardest problems. Lean In combines Sheryl's ability to synthesize information with her understanding of how to get the best out of people. The book is smart and honest and funny. Her... [\(Source\)](#)



Oprah Winfrey

Honest and brave... The new manifesto for women in the workplace. [\(Source\)](#)

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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

Atul Gawande

Being Mortal

Medicine and What Matters in the End

Being Mortal

Medicine and What Matters in the End

Atul Gawande



4.18

Medicine has triumphed in modern times, transforming the dangers of childbirth, injury, and disease from harrowing to manageable. But when it comes to the inescapable realities of aging and death, what medicine can do often runs counter to what it should.

Through eye-opening research and gripping stories of his own patients and family, Atul Gawande, a practicing surgeon, reveals the suffering this dynamic has produced. Nursing homes, devoted above all to safety, battle with residents over the food they are allowed to eat and the choices they are allowed to make. Doctors,... [more](#)



Recommended by [Malcolm Gladwell](#), [Barack Obama](#), [Indra Nooyi](#), and 7 others.



[Malcolm Gladwell](#)

American medicine, *Being Mortal* reminds us, has prepared itself for life but not for death. This is Atul Gawande's most powerful--and moving--book. ([Source](#))



[Barack Obama](#)

President Obama is spending his Hawaiian vacation playing golf, getting together with high school friends and reading a handful of dark novels set in foreign lands, according to a book list released by the White House Wednesday. The presidential reading list includes [...] two works of non-fiction for the trip: [...] "*Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*" by Dr. Atul Gawande. ([Source](#))

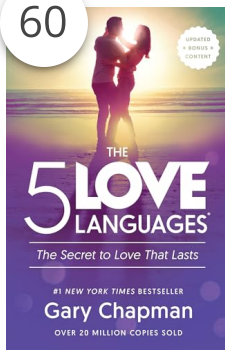


[Indra Nooyi](#)

Just finished "*Being Mortal*" by Atul Gawande. A beautifully written book. Captivating. ([Source](#))

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The 5 Love Languages

The Secret to Love that Lasts

Gary Chapman and Oasis Audi



4.18

Couples who understand each other's love language hold a priceless advantage in the quest for love that lasts a lifetime -- they know how to effectively and consistently make each other feel truly and deeply loved. That gift never fades away. [more](#)



Recommended by [Dustin Moskovitz](#), [James Altucher](#), [Kaci Lambe Kai](#), and 4 others.



[Dustin Moskovitz](#)

[Dustin Moskovitz recommended this book on Twitter.] ([Source](#))



[Kaci Lambe Kai](#)

The Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman impacted how I interpret and receive love. Not just romantically, but in my friendships and business relationships. I had several personal and professional

relationships that improved when I could appreciate that their "love language" was different than mine. I could at least see their efforts as an attempt at showing me love and kindness, even if it wasn't...

[\(Source\)](#)



Pedro Cortés

The books that had the biggest impact are the ones that are controversial and challenge people's beliefs around work, relationships, life, and money most of them were things I already thought about (that's how I found them or decided to read them) but just by putting it in an actionable and structured way it made me think 100x more clearly about my goals and beliefs. Such examples could be the... [\(Source\)](#)

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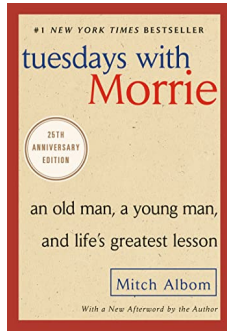
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Tuesdays with Morrie

Mitch Albom



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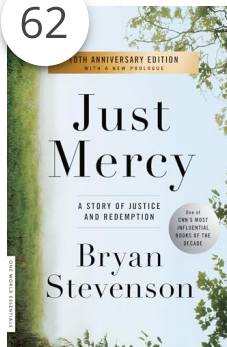
Maybe it was a grandparent, or a teacher or a colleague. Someone older, patient and wise, who understood you when you were young and searching, and gave you sound advice to help you make your way through it. For Mitch Albom, that person was Morrie Schwartz, his college professor from nearly twenty years ago.

Maybe, like Mitch, you lost track of this mentor as you made your way, and the insights faded. Wouldn't you like to see that person again, ask the bigger questions that still haunt you?

Mitch Albom had that second chance. He rediscovered Morrie in the last months of... [more](#)

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Just Mercy

A Story of Justice and Redemption

1,160



4.17

A powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice—from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time

Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his

first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he... [more](#)



Recommended by [Richard Branson](#), Chris Sacca, [Howard Schultz](#), and 7 others.



[Richard Branson](#)

Today is World Book Day, a wonderful opportunity to address this #ChallengeRichard sent in by Mike Gonzalez of New Jersey: Make a list of your top 65 books to read in a lifetime. ([Source](#))



[Chris Sacca](#)

Proud that @crystale and I could help fund the making of a film about one of our heroes, Bryan Stevenson. If you've read the book, then you know how powerful this film is. #JustMercy
<https://t.co/vNfXK4Imwr> ([Source](#))

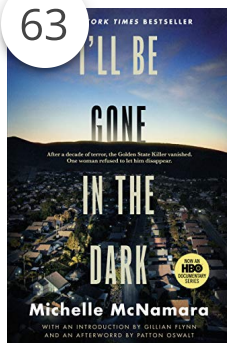


[Howard Schultz](#)

Perhaps one of the most powerful and important stories of our time. ([Source](#))

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I'll Be Gone in the Dark

One Woman's Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer

Michelle McNamara



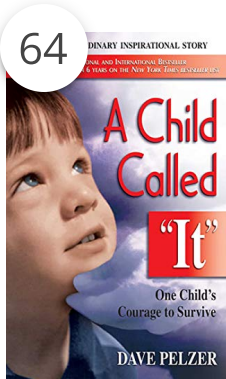
4.17

A masterful true crime account of the Golden State Killer—the elusive serial rapist turned murderer who terrorized California for over a decade—from Michelle McNamara, the gifted journalist who died tragically while investigating the case.

"You'll be silent forever, and I'll be gone in the dark."

For more than ten years, a mysterious and violent predator committed fifty sexual assaults in Northern California before moving south, where he perpetrated ten sadistic murders. Then he disappeared, eluding capture by multiple police forces and some of the best... [more](#)

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A Child Called "It" (Dave Pelzer, #1)

Dave Pelzer



4.16

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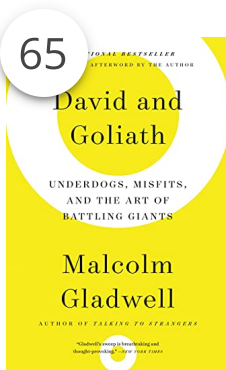
ACE #1

This book chronicles the unforgettable account of one of the most severe child abuse cases in California history. It is the story of Dave Pelzer, who was brutally beaten and starved by his emotionally unstable, alcoholic mother: a mother who played tortuous, unpredictable games—games that left him nearly dead. He had to learn how to play his mother's games in order to survive because she no longer considered him a son, but...

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David and Goliath

Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants

Malcolm Gladwell



4.15

In his #1 bestselling books *The Tipping Point*, *Blink*, and *Outliers*, Malcolm Gladwell has explored the ways we understand and change our world.

Now he looks at the complex and surprising ways the weak can defeat the strong, the small can match up against the giant, and how our goals (often culturally determined) can make a huge difference in our ultimate sense of success. Drawing upon examples from the world of business, sports, culture, cutting-edge psychology, and an array of unforgettable characters around the world, *David and Goliath* is in many ways the most... [more](#)



Recommended by [Andrew Chen](#), Sean Si, Cat Williams-Treloar, and 6 others.



Cat Williams-Treloar

The books that I've talked the most about with friends and colleagues over the years are the Malcolm Gladwell series of novels. Glorious stories that mix science, behaviours and insight. You can't go wrong with the "The Tipping Point", "Outliers", "Blink" or "David & Goliath". [\(Source\)](#)



Catalina Penciu

Business-wise, my goal for this year is to improve my collection and my mindset, but my favorite so far has been David and Goliath by Malcolm Gladwell. [\(Source\)](#)

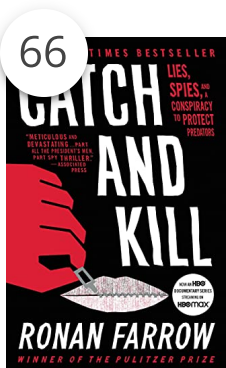


Robert Katai

Buy Malcolm Gladwell's book "David and Goliath" and read the interesting stories about how the Davids of that moments have defeated the Goliaths. [\(Source\)](#)

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Catch and Kill

Lies, Spies, and a Conspiracy to Protect Predators

Ronan Farrow



4.15

In a dramatic account of violence and espionage, Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter Ronan Farrow exposes

serial abusers and a cabal of powerful interests hell-bent on covering up the truth, at any cost.

In 2017, a routine network television investigation led Ronan Farrow to a story only whispered about: one of Hollywood's most powerful producers was a predator, protected by fear, wealth, and a conspiracy of silence. As Farrow drew closer to the truth, shadowy operatives, from high-priced lawyers to elite war-hardened spies, mounted a secret...

[more](#)



Recommended by [Reese Witherspoon](#), Julie K. Brown, Bastian Obermayer, and 7 others.



[Reese Witherspoon](#)

Congrats @RonanFarrow on your incredible book #CatchandKill. Amazing investigative reporting and A real thrill ride of a read. 📖
([Source](#))



[Julie K. Brown](#)

The parallels to the Jeffrey Epstein case are amazing in @RonanFarrow's new book. Imagine this same predatory behavior and coverup among powerful men — not at a TV-media network — but at the highest levels of our government. #perversionofjustice
<https://t.co/wh2EJlg7iW> ([Source](#))

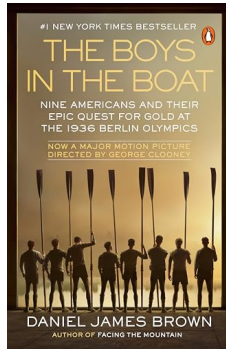


[Bastian Obermayer](#)

I know I'm very late to this party, but: „Catch And Kill“ from the unrelenting @RonanFarrow is a hell of a read!! Need inspiration for how to hold the powerful accountable - or only looking for great entertainment? Get this book. <https://t.co/y3xWkUTWhh> ([Source](#))

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The Boys in the Boat

Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics

Daniel James Brown



4.13

For readers of Laura Hillenbrand's *Seabiscuit* and *Unbroken*, the dramatic story of the American rowing team that stunned the world at Hitler's 1936 Berlin Olympics.

Daniel James Brown's robust book tells the story of the University of Washington's 1936 eight-oar crew and their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal, a team that transformed the sport and grabbed the attention of millions of Americans. The sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the boys defeated elite rivals first from eastern and British universities and finally the German crew rowing for Adolf Hitler in...

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Recommended by [Satya Nadella](#), [Ryan](#)

[Holiday](#), [Gail Kelly](#), and 6 others.



[Satya Nadella](#)

Nadella calls this tale with a local Seattle connection—it involves an underdog University of Washington crew team and the 1936 Berlin Olympics—"A wonderful illustration of the importance of teamwork, which was a core part of my focus out of the gate as CEO. ([Source](#))



[Ryan Holiday](#)

Another great narrative nonfiction out this year that I hope you'll like is: *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown. ([Source](#))



[Gail Kelly](#)

Member of the Group of 30, and former CEO of Westpac will be spending her summer months reading a memoir, a novel and historical non-fiction. ([Source](#))

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Eat, Pray, Love

Elizabeth Gilbert



4.13

A celebrated writer's irresistible, candid, and eloquent account of her pursuit of worldly pleasure, spiritual devotion, and what she really wanted out of life.

Around the time Elizabeth Gilbert turned thirty, she went through an early-onslaught midlife crisis. She had everything an educated, ambitious American woman was supposed to want—a husband, a house, a successful career. But instead of feeling happy and fulfilled, she was consumed with panic, grief, and confusion. She went through a divorce, a crushing depression, another failed love, and the eradication of everything she... [more](#)



Recommended by Chelsea Frank, Gabriel Coarna, and 2 others.



Chelsea Frank

I read everything with an open mind, often challenging myself by choosing books with an odd perspective or religious/spiritual views. These books do not reflect my personal feelings but are books that helped shape my perspective on life, love, and happiness. ([Source](#))



Gabriel Coarna

I started reading "Eat, Pray, Love" as soon as I finished watching Elizabeth Gilbert give this talk. ([Source](#))

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Moneyball

The Art of Winning an Unfair Game

Michael Lewis



4.13

Moneyball is a quest for something as elusive as the Holy Grail, something that money apparently can't buy: the secret of success in baseball. The logical places to look would be the front offices of major league teams and the dugouts, perhaps even in the minds of the players themselves. Michael Lewis mines all these possibilities - his intimate and original portraits of big league ballplayers are alone worth the price of admission - but the real jackpot is a cache of numbers - numbers! - collected over the years by a strange brotherhood of amateur baseball enthusiasts: software... [more](#)



Recommended by Ev Williams, [Azeem Azhar](#), [Carol Dweck](#), and 8 others.



[Carol Dweck](#)

You would think that the relationship between training and skill would be utterly obvious in sports, but apparently it isn't. ([Source](#))



[David Papineau](#)

It's a parable of the disinclination of people in general to base their practices on evidence, a parable for evidence-based policy in general. ([Source](#))

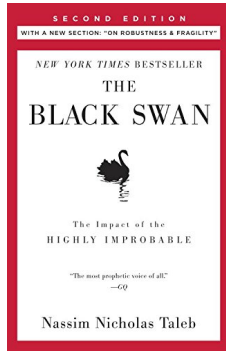


[Ed Smith](#)

This is about a guy using econometrics to predict which baseball players will do better in advancing wins, a remarkable use of economic thinking. ([Source](#))

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The Black Swan

The Impact of the Highly Improbable

Nassim Nicholas Taleb



4.11

A black swan is a highly improbable event with three principal characteristics: It is unpredictable; it carries a massive impact; and, after the fact, we concoct an explanation that makes it appear less random, and more predictable, than it was.

The astonishing success of Google was a black swan; so was 9/11. For Nassim Nicholas Taleb, black swans underlie almost everything about our world, from the rise of religions to events in our own personal lives.

Why do we not acknowledge the phenomenon of black swans until after they occur? Part of the answer, according to... [more](#)



Recommended by [Jeff Bezos](#), [Bill Gates](#), Vinod Khosla, and 22 others.



[Jeff Bezos](#)

[From the book "The Everything Store: and the Age of Amazon"] "The scholar argues that people are wired to see patterns in chaos while remaining blind to unpredictable events, with massive consequences. Experimentation and empiricism trumps the easy and obvious narrative," Stone writes. ([Source](#))



[Bill Gates](#)

[On Bill Gates's reading list in 2012.] ([Source](#))



[James Altucher](#)

And throw in "The Black Swan" and "Fooled by Randomness". "Fragile" means if you hit something might break. "Resilient" means if you hit something, it will stay the same. On my podcast Nassim discusses "Antifragility" – building a system, even on that works for you on a personal level, where you if you harm your self in some way it becomes stronger. That podcast changed my life He discusses... ([Source](#))

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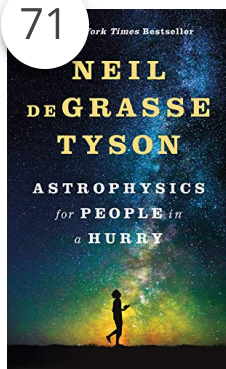
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Astrophysics for People in a Hurry

Neil deGrasse Tyson



4.11

What is the nature of space and time? How do we fit within the universe? How does the universe fit within us? There's no better guide through these mind-expanding questions than acclaimed astrophysicist and best-selling author Neil deGrasse Tyson.

But today, few of us have time to contemplate the cosmos. So Tyson brings the universe down to Earth succinctly and clearly, with sparkling

wit, in tasty chapters consumable anytime and anywhere in your busy day. [more](#)



Recommended by [Vinod Khosla](#), and 1 others.

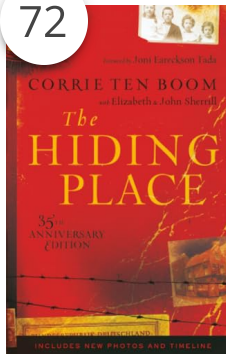


[Vinod Khosla](#)

Great, very quick overview of astrophysics. Easily accessible. ([Source](#))

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The Hiding Place

The Triumphant True Story of Corrie Ten Boom

Corrie Ten Boom, John Sherrill, et al.



4.10

At one time Corrie ten Boom would have laughed at the idea that there would ever be a story to tell. For the first fifty years of her life nothing at all out of the ordinary had ever happened to her. She was an old-maid watchmaker living contentedly with her spinster sister and their elderly father in the tiny Dutch house over their shop. Their uneventful days, as regulated as their own watches, revolved around their abiding love for one another. However, with the Nazi invasion and occupation of Holland, a story did ensue.

Corrie ten Boom and her family became leaders in the Dutch... [more](#)



Recommended by [Alison Alvarez](#), and 1 others.



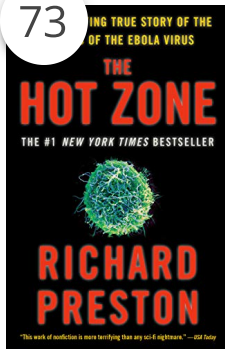
[Alison Alvarez](#)

What I really took with me from the book were the descriptions of how she dealt with the stress of solitary confinement and eventually the Ravensbruck concentration camp. I adapted some of her techniques for keeping her mind occupied to deal with my own problems with anxiety and worry. Also, it's a book with a surprising amount of joy in it for subject matter that is so dark. ([Source](#))

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The Hot Zone

Richard Preston



4.10

A highly infectious, deadly virus from the central African rain forest suddenly appears in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. There is no cure. In a few days 90 percent of its victims are dead. A secret military SWAT team of soldiers and scientists is mobilized to stop the outbreak of this exotic "hot" virus. The Hot Zone tells this dramatic story, giving a hair-raising account of the appearance of rare and lethal viruses and their "crashes" into the human race. Shocking, frightening, and impossible to ignore, The Hot Zone proves that truth really is scarier than fiction. [more](#)



Recommended by Jon Najarian, Pierre Haski, and 2 others.



Jon Najarian

I believe both the corona virus and ebola have a bat connection.

Scary, but great book on ebola: Hot Zone by Richard Preston

<https://t.co/jGEjbrB7pZ> ([Source](#))



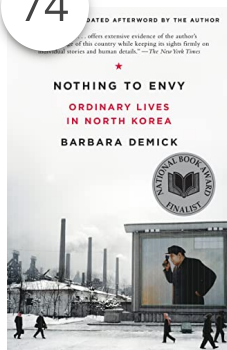
Pierre Haski

@ChuBailiang The hot zone, it made my days during SARS in Beijing, a great book! <https://t.co/8E8AYglhp7> ([Source](#))

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Nothing to Envy

Ordinary Lives in North Korea

Barbara Demick, Karen White, et al



4.10

Nothing to Envy follows the lives of six North Koreans over fifteen years—a chaotic period that saw the death of Kim Il-sung, the unchallenged rise to power of his son Kim Jong-il, and the devastation of a far-ranging famine that killed one-fifth of the population.

Taking us into a landscape most of us have never before seen, award-winning journalist Barbara Demick brings to life what it means to be living under the most repressive totalitarian regime today—an Orwellian world that is by choice not connected to the Internet, in which radio and television dials are welded to... [more](#)



Recommended by Hyeonseo Lee, and 1 others.

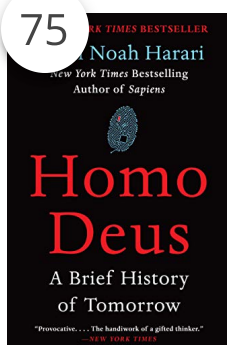


Hyeonseo Lee

She includes great details that show everyday life in North Korea.
([Source](#))

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Homo Deus

A Brief History of Tomorrow

Yuval Noah Harari



4.10

Yuval Noah Harari, author of the critically-acclaimed *New York Times* bestseller and international phenomenon *Sapiens*, returns with an equally original, compelling, and provocative book, turning his focus toward humanity's future, and our quest to upgrade humans into gods.

Over the past century humankind has managed to do the impossible and

rein in famine, plague, and war. This may seem hard to accept, but, as Harari explains in his trademark style—thorough, yet riveting—famine, plague and war have been transformed from incomprehensible and...
[more](#)



Recommended by [Richard Branson](#), [Bill Gates](#), [Naval Ravikant](#), and 18 others.



[Bill Gates](#)

Harari's new book is as challenging and readable as *Sapiens*. Rather than looking back, as *Sapiens* does, it looks to the future. I don't agree with everything the author has to say, but he has written a thoughtful look at what may be in store for humanity. ([Source](#))



[Richard Branson](#)

I certainly wouldn't consider myself a big reader of paleontology or anthropology – not good words for us dyslexics! – but I enjoy learning about how society has unfolded and history has developed in an exciting, easy to read way. The sequel, *Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow*, is a fascinating look into the future too. While these aren't traditional business or leadership books, they are all... ([Source](#))

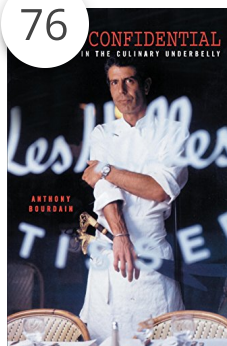


[Vinod Khosla](#)

Not that I agree with all of it, but it is still mind-bending speculation about our future as a follow-up to a previous favorite, *Sapiens*. It's directionally right. ([Source](#))

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Kitchen Confidential

Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly

Anthony Bourdain



4.10

A deliciously funny, delectably shocking banquet of wild-but-true tales of life in the culinary trade from Chef Anthony Bourdain, laying out his more than a quarter-century of drugs, sex, and haute cuisine—now with all-new, never-before-published material.

New York Chef Tony Bourdain gives away secrets of the trade in his wickedly funny, inspiring memoir/expose. *Kitchen Confidential* reveals

what Bourdain calls "twenty-five years of sex, drugs, bad behavior and haute cuisine." [more](#)



Recommended by Eric Ripert, [Jon Favreau](#), Jason Kottke, and 5 others.



Eric Ripert

I love that Tony's world in the kitchen was filled with pirate-like renegades when mine was peopled with regimented professionals. How eye-opening and entertaining to read about the other side! [\(Source\)](#)



[Jon Favreau](#)

Great book. [\(Source\)](#)



Jason Kottke

This book is 18 years old but aside from some details, it felt as immediate and vital as when it came out. What a unique spirit we lost this year. [\(Source\)](#)

 [Buy on Amazon](#)



Hidden Figures

The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race

Margot Lee Shetterly



4.09

Set against the backdrop of the Jim Crow South and the civil rights movement, the never-before-told true story of NASA's African-American female mathematicians who played a crucial role in America's space program—and whose contributions have been unheralded, until now.

Before John Glenn orbited the Earth or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of professionals worked as "Human Computers," calculating the flight paths that would enable these historic achievements. Among these were a coterie of bright,

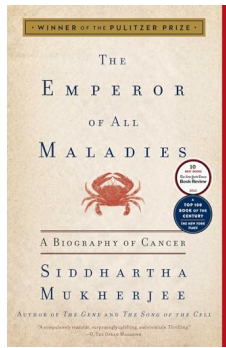
talented African-American women. Segregated from their white counterparts by...

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The Emperor of All Maladies

A Biography of Cancer

Siddhartha Mukherjee, Fred Sanders, et al



4.09

Alternate Cover Edition ISBN 1439107955 (ISBN13: 9781439107959)

The Emperor of All Maladies is a magnificent, profoundly humane “biography” of cancer—from its first documented appearances thousands of years ago through the epic battles in the twentieth century to cure, control, and conquer it to a radical new understanding of its essence.

Physician, researcher, and award-winning science writer, Siddhartha Mukherjee examines cancer with a cellular biologist’s precision, a historian’s perspective, and a biographer’s passion. The result is an astonishingly lucid and... [more](#)



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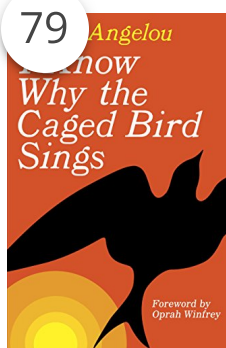
I loved [this] brilliant book about cancer. ([Source](#))



Timothy J. Jorgensen

A tremendous amount of cancer biology comes through in that book through the eyes of the victims and the people up close and personal. ([Source](#))

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I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

Maya Angelou, Oprah Winfrey



4.09

Here is a book as joyous and painful, as mysterious and memorable, as childhood itself. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* captures the longing of lonely children, the brute insult of bigotry, and the wonder of words that can make the world right. Maya Angelou's debut memoir is a modern American classic beloved worldwide.

Sent by their mother to live with their devout, self-sufficient grandmother in a small Southern town, Maya and her brother, Bailey, endure the ache of abandonment and the prejudice of the local "powhitetrash." At eight years old and back at her mother's... [more](#)



Recommended by [Richard Branson](#), Bianca Belair, Julia Enthoven, and 3 others.



[Richard Branson](#)

Today is World Book Day, a wonderful opportunity to address this #ChallengeRichard sent in by Mike Gonzalez of New Jersey: Make a list of your top 65 books to read in a lifetime. ([Source](#))



[Bianca Belair](#)

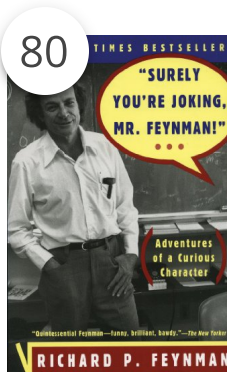
For #BlackHistoryMonth I will be sharing some of my favorite books by Black Authors 5th Book: I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings By: Maya Angelou Another autobiography classic that will be hard to not find on any must-read book list! <https://t.co/mGRG76ILRn> ([Source](#))



[Julia Enthoven](#)

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings is beautifully written, and I really enjoy the voice of the protagonist and think it's sad and fascinating to read about her time in history. ([Source](#))

 [Buy on Amazon](#)



"Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman!"

[Adventures of a Curious Character](#)

Richard P. Feynman, Ralph Leighton, Edward Hutchings, Albert R. Hibbs



4.09

A series of anecdotes, such as are included in *Surely You're Joking, Mr Feynman*, shouldn't by rights add up to an autobiography, but that's just one of the many pieces of received wisdom that Nobel Prize-winning physicist Richard Feynman (1918-88) cheerfully ignores in this engagingly

eccentric book. Fiercely independent (read the chapter entitled "Judging Books by Their Covers"), intolerant of stupidity even when it comes packaged as high intellectualism (check out "Is Electricity Fire?"), unafraid to offend (see "You Just Ask Them?"), Feynman informs by entertaining. It's possible to... [more](#)



Recommended by [Larry Page](#), [Sergey Brin](#), [Mark Zuckerberg](#), and 15 others.



[Larry Page](#)

Google co-founder has listed this book as one of his favorites. ([Source](#))



[Sergey Brin](#)

Brin told the Academy of Achievement: "Aside from making really big contributions in his own field, he was pretty broad-minded. I remember he had an excerpt where he was explaining how he really wanted to be a Leonardo [da Vinci], an artist and a scientist. I found that pretty inspiring. I think that leads to having a fulfilling life." ([Source](#))



[Timothy Ferriss](#)

Paints a picture of a very brilliant problem solver and merry prankster who was a polymath, taught himself how to play the bongos, used to paint in strip clubs. You've got to love this guy! And it's a hilarious book but it also shows you how good he was at testing assumptions and questioning dogma. Even in the face of embarrassment or criticism. ([Source](#))

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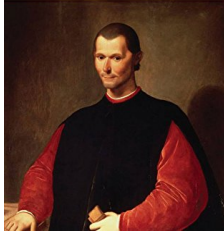
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- Interactive exercises: **apply the book's ideas to your own life** with our educators' guidance.

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The Prince [with Biographical Introduction]

Niccollo Machiavelli, Tim Parks



4.08

Niccolo Machiavelli's "The Prince" is intended to be a treatise on ruling and is considered by many to be a classic of political science. In the book Machiavelli offers many bits of practical advice on how to rule and even though the book was written in the early 16th century its ideas are still very relevant today. Where "The Prince" differs from other political literature before it is in its separation of the lofty idealism of morality and ethics from the practical demands of governing. It is this very aspect of Machiavelli's work that has made his name synonymous with an almost immoral... [more](#)



Recommended by Eric Ripert, [Neil deGrasse](#)

[Tyson](#), [Ryan Holiday](#), and 12 others.



Eric Ripert

A fascinating study and still wholly relevant. ([Source](#))



[Neil deGrasse Tyson](#)

Which books should be read by every single intelligent person on planet? [...] The Prince (Machiavelli) [to learn that people not in power will do all they can to acquire it, and people in power will do all they can to keep it]. If you read all of the above works you will glean profound insight into most of what has driven the history of the western world. ([Source](#))

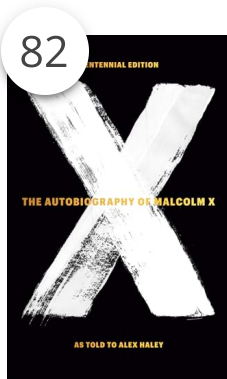


[Ryan Holiday](#)

Of course, this is a must read. Machiavelli is one of those figures and writers who is tragically overrated and underrated at the same time. Unfortunately that means that many people who read him miss the point and other people avoid him and miss out altogether. Take Machiavelli slow, and really read him. Also understand the man

behind the book—not just as a masterful writer but a man who...
(Source)

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The Autobiography of Malcolm X

Malcolm X, M. S. Handler, Ossie Davis, Attallah Shabazz, Alex Haley



4.08

With its first great victory in the landmark Supreme Court decision *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954, the civil rights movement gained the powerful momentum it needed to sweep forward into its crucial decade, the 1960s. As voices of protest and change rose above the din of history and false promises, one voice sounded more urgently, more passionately, than the rest. Malcolm X—once called the most dangerous man in America—challenged the world to listen and learn the truth as he experienced it. And his enduring message is as relevant today as when he first delivered it.

In the... [more](#)



Recommended by [Casey Neistat](#), [Ryan](#)

[Holiday](#), [Keith Ellison](#), and 5 others.



[Casey Neistat](#)

Aside from *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, Casey's favorite book is *The Second World War* by John Keegan. [\(Source\)](#)



[Ryan Holiday](#)

I forget who said it but I heard someone say that *Catcher in the Rye* was to young white boys what the *Autobiography of Malcolm X* was to young black boys. Personally, I prefer that latter over the former. I would much rather read about and emulate a man who is born into adversity and pain, struggles with criminality, does prison time, teaches himself to read through the dictionary, finds religion...
[\(Source\)](#)



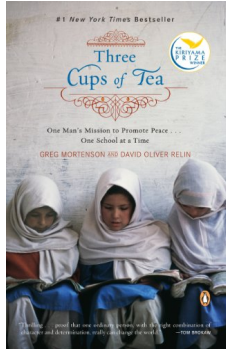
Keith Ellison

Malcolm X is somebody that everybody in America's prisons today could look at and say, 'You know what, I can emerge, I can evolve'

[\(Source\)](#)

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Three Cups of Tea

One Man's Mission to Promote Peace
... One School at a Time

Greg Mortenson, David Oliver Relin



4.07

The inspiring account of one man's campaign to build schools in the most dangerous, remote, and anti-American reaches of Asia.

In April 2011, the CBS documentary "60 Minutes" called into question Greg Mortenson's work. The program alleged several inaccuracies in *Three Cups of Tea*, and its sequel, *Stones into Schools*, as well as financial improprieties in the operation of Mortenson's Central Asia Institute. Questions were also raised about Mortenson's claim that he got lost near K2 and ended up in Korphe; that he was captured by the Taliban in 1996; the number of... [more](#)



Recommended by Jennifer Steil, [Nicholas](#)

[Kristof](#), Gretchen Peters, and 3 others.



Jennifer Steil

Greg Mortenson has changed literally thousands and thousands of lives. ([Source](#))



[Nicholas Kristof](#)

I think Greg does a very good job of providing a more nuanced portrait of the Islamic world and what is possible in it. ([Source](#))



Gretchen Peters

I went to a refugee camp after 9/11 where people were living in tents and boiling grass to make tea and at least one family offered to let me sleep in their tent. ([Source](#))

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Modern Romance

Aziz Ansari, Eric Klinenberg



4.06

Now a *New York Times* Bestseller

A hilarious, thoughtful, and in-depth exploration of the pleasures and perils of modern romance from one of this generation's sharpest comedic voices

At some point, every one of us embarks on a journey to find love. We meet people, date, get into and out of relationships, all with the hope of finding someone with whom we share a deep connection. This seems standard now, but it's wildly different from what people did even just decades ago. Single people today have more romantic options than at any point in human history. With... [more](#)



Recommended by [Emma Watson](#), Deepak

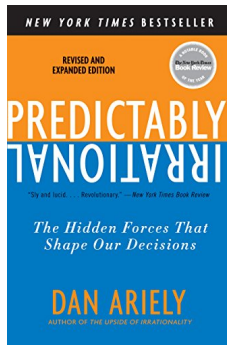
Chhugani, and 2 others.



Deepak Chhugani

My favorite book in recent years has been Modern Romance by Aziz Ansari. It was very funny and put into perspective some very entertaining examples of generation gaps and cultural differences I've witnessed first-hand, growing up at the intersection of Asian (Indian parents), Latin American (grew up in Ecuador) and US culture (I've lived here for ~7 years now). ([Source](#))

 [Buy on Amazon](#)



Predictably Irrational

The Hidden Forces That Shape Our Decisions

Dan Ariely



4.06

Why do our headaches persist after taking a one-cent aspirin but disappear when we take a 50-cent aspirin?

Why does recalling the Ten Commandments reduce our tendency to lie, even when we couldn't possibly be caught?

Why do we splurge on a lavish meal but cut coupons to save twenty-five cents on a can of soup?

Why do we go back for second helpings at the unlimited buffet, even when our stomachs are already full?

And how did we ever start spending \$4.15 on a cup of coffee when, just a few years ago, we used to pay less than a dollar?

When... [more](#)



Recommended by Vinod Khosla, [Vinod Khosla](#),

Max Levchin, and 25 others.



Max Levchin

[Max Levchin recommended this book as an answer to "What business books would you advise young entrepreneurs read?"]

[\(Source\)](#)



Andra Zaharia

'While I was thinking of the best books to add to this short list, I realized that not even half of them are directly related to digital marketing. This is because I believe that the best marketers are people who understand human nature deeply and aim to bring out the best in it. Call me naive, but that's how I see it. If I were to want to pursue a career in marketing, I'd read [...] Predictably... [\(Source\)](#)

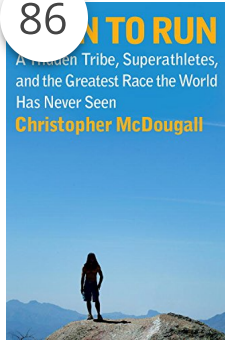


Gabriel Coarna

Dan Ariely's Predictably Irrational totally blew my mind. [\(Source\)](#)

[Buy on Amazon](#)

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Born to Run

A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen

Christopher McDougall



4.06

Full of incredible characters, amazing athletic achievements, cutting-edge science, and, most of all, pure inspiration, *Born to Run* is an epic adventure that began with one simple question: Why does my foot hurt? In search of an answer, Christopher McDougall sets off to find a tribe of the world's greatest distance runners and learn their secrets, and in the process shows us that everything we thought we knew about running is wrong.

Isolated by the most savage terrain in North America, the reclusive Tarahumara Indians of Mexico's deadly Copper Canyons are custodians of a... [more](#)



Recommended by Ed Stafford, Turia Pitt, and 2 others.



Ed Stafford

An honour to be asked to do an impromptu little talk tonight after #christophermcdougall. Great to see the big man in the flesh in the UK. #BornToRun was a book that definitely changed the path of my life. #legend @vivobarefoot #barefootrunning <https://t.co/3QgVKZ0OQ4> ([Source](#))

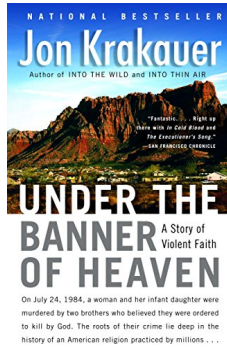


Turia Pitt

If [people are] interested in running, I give them [this book]. ([Source](#))

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Under the Banner of Heaven

A Story of Violent Faith

Jon Krakauer

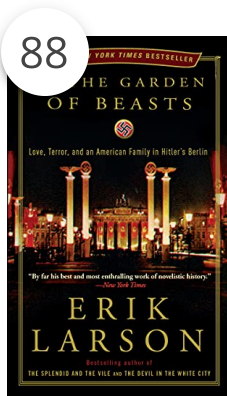


4.06

A multilayered, bone-chilling narrative of messianic delusion, savage violence, polygamy, and unyielding faith. This is vintage Krakauer, an utterly compelling work of nonfiction that illuminates an otherwise confounding realm of human behavior.

Jon Krakauer's literary reputation rests on insightful chronicles of lives conducted at the outer limits. In *Under The Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith*, he shifts his focus from extremes of physical adventure to extremes of religious belief within our own borders. At the core of his book is an appalling double murder committed by... [more](#)

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In the Garden of Beasts

Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin

Erik Larson



4.05

Erik Larson, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Devil in the White City*, delivers a remarkable story set during Hitler's rise to power.

The time is 1933, the place, Berlin, when William E. Dodd becomes America's first ambassador to Hitler's Nazi Germany in a year that proved to be a turning point in history.

A mild-mannered professor from Chicago, Dodd brings along his wife, son, and flamboyant daughter, Martha. At first Martha is entranced by the parties and pomp, and the handsome young men of the Third Reich with their infectious enthusiasm for... [more](#)



Recommended by Steve Schmidt, Daniel

Hamermesh, and 2 others.



Steve Schmidt

@egayle333 Ellyn, with respect Hitler was always clear about his intent. A great book to read from a US perspective is In the Garden of Beasts. Trump is much more analogous to Mussolini. ([Source](#))

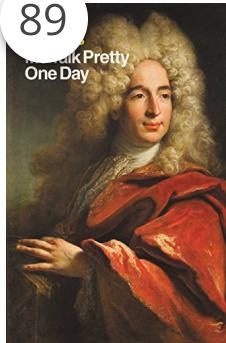


Daniel Hamermesh

At a time of increased danger of totalitarianism in the U.S., reading a history of an insider's view of its growth in Germany in the 1930s gives a good perspective on our contemporary problems, as well as being fascinating history and biography in its own right. ([Source](#))

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Me Talk Pretty One Day

David Sedaris



4.05

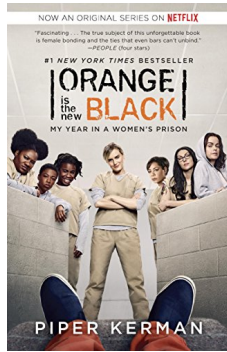
David Sedaris' move to Paris from New York inspired these hilarious pieces, including the title essay, about his attempts to learn French from a sadistic teacher who declares that every day spent with you is like having a caesarean section. His family is another inspiration. You Can't Kill the Rooster is a portrait of his brother, who talks incessant hip-hop slang to his bewildered father. And no one hones a finer fury in response to such modern annoyances as restaurant meals presented in ludicrous towers of food and cashiers with six-inch fingernails. [more](#)



Recommended by Ev Williams, and 1 others.

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Orange Is the New Black

My Year in a Women's Prison

Piper Kerman



4.05

With her career, live-in boyfriend and loving family, Piper Kerman barely resembles the rebellious young woman who got mixed up with drug runners and delivered a suitcase of drug money to Europe over a decade ago. But when she least expects it, her reckless past catches up with her; convicted and sentenced to 15 months at an infamous women's prison in Connecticut. From her first strip search to her final release, she learns to navigate this strange world with its arbitrary rules and codes, its unpredictable, even dangerous relationships. Now a major original television series, Piper's story... [more](#)

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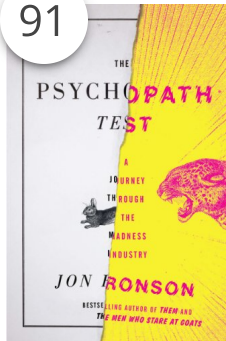
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The Psychopath Test

A Journey Through the Madness Industry

Jon Ronson



4.04

In this madcap journey, a bestselling journalist investigates psychopaths and the industry of doctors, scientists, and everyone else who studies them.

The Psychopath Test is a fascinating journey through the minds of madness. Jon Ronson's exploration of a potential hoax being played on the world's top neurologists takes him, unexpectedly, into the heart of the madness industry. An influential psychologist who is convinced that many important CEOs and politicians are, in fact, psychopaths teaches Ronson how to spot these high-flying individuals by looking out for little telltale...

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Recommended by Memo Akten, and 1 others.

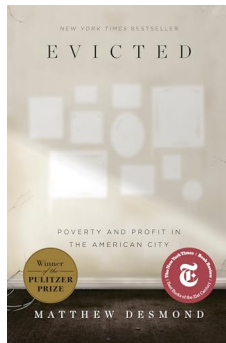


Memo Akten

@therourke you may very well be a psychopath!, it doesn't mean you'll be an axe wielding homicidal maniac :) (I think I might be a bit psychopath, dunno. My AE is a bit of a yoyo. At times I might feel more for a fly in a spiderweb than a person). V interesting book: <https://t.co/QRAJAZPhDY> ([Source](#))

 [Buy on Amazon](#)

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Evicted

Poverty and Profit in the American City

Matthew Desmond



4.04

In *Evicted*, Princeton sociologist and MacArthur "Genius" Matthew Desmond follows eight families in Milwaukee as they struggle to keep a roof over their heads. *Evicted* transforms our understanding of poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving one of 21st-century America's most devastating problems. Its unforgettable scenes of hope and loss remind us of the centrality of home, without which nothing else is possible. [more](#)



Recommended by [Bill Gates](#), [Satya Nadella](#), [Noah Kagan](#), and 4 others.



[Bill Gates](#)

If you want a good understanding of how the issues that cause poverty are intertwined, you should read this book about the eviction crisis in Milwaukee. Desmond has written a brilliant portrait of Americans living in poverty. He gave me a better sense of what it is like to be poor in this country than anything else I have read. ([Source](#))



[Satya Nadella](#)

Nadella is using this season to learn more in a variety of subjects. By the looks of it, he is interested in, among other things, virtual reality, the refugee crisis, and housing for the urban poor. ([Source](#))



[Noah Kagan](#)

Surprising insights into the lives of people who were evicted. I make a lot of assumptions about these people. Turns out I was wrong WHY they get evicted. ([Source](#))

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THE CLASSIC NATIONAL BESTSELLER
HOWARD ZINN

A
PEOPLE'S
HISTORY
OF THE
UNITED
STATES

WITH A NEW INTRODUCTION BY ANTHONY ARNOVE

"Historians may well view it as a step toward a coherent new vision of American history" —Eric Foner, New York Times Book Review

A People's History of the United States

Howard Zinn



4.04

"A wonderful, splendid book--a book that should be ready by every American, student or otherwise, who wants to understand his country, its true history, and its hope for the future." --Howard Fast

With a new introduction by Anthony Arno, this edition of the classic national bestseller chronicles American history from the bottom up, throwing out the official narrative taught in schools—with its emphasis on great men in high places—to focus on the street, the home and the workplace.

Known for its lively, clear prose as well as its scholarly research,... [more](#)



Recommended by Lisa Ling, Alex Honnold, and 2 others.



Lisa Ling

I credit this book with propelling me to dig deeper, and to not always believe the narrative. ([Source](#))

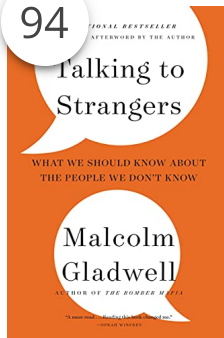


Alex Honnold

Totally changed the way I look at politics. ([Source](#))

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Talking to Strangers

What We Should Know about the People We Don't Know

Malcolm Gladwell



4.03

Malcolm Gladwell, host of the podcast Revisionist History and author of the #1 New York Times bestseller *Outliers*, offers a powerful examination of our interactions with strangers -- and why they often go wrong.

How did Fidel Castro fool the CIA for a generation? Why did Neville Chamberlain think he could trust Adolf Hitler? Why are campus sexual assaults on the rise? Do television sitcoms teach us something about the way we relate to each other that isn't true?

While tackling these questions, Malcolm Gladwell was not solely writing a book for the page. He... [more](#)



Recommended by [Ryan Holiday](#), Nilofer Merchant, and 2 others.



[Ryan Holiday](#)

I'll put here what I emailed Malcolm when I finished the book: "Just finished your new book in one sitting yesterday. So good. You are at the height of your powers and remain an inspiration to all of us trying to master an un-masterable profession." It's a little less practical or self-improvement oriented than his previous books, but far more thought provoking. ([Source](#))



Nilofer Merchant

An interesting analysis/ essay re Gladwell's latest book —> <https://t.co/5Ey1maNRyl> ([Source](#))

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BESTSELLER
The Way to Deal with Change
in Your Work and in Your Life

Who Moved My Cheese?

Spencer Johnson, M.D.
Foreword by Kenneth Blanchard, Ph.D.
coauthors of *The One Minute Manager*
The World's Most Popular Management Manual



Who Moved My Cheese?

Spencer Johnson, Kenneth Blanchard



4.02

Who Moved My Cheese? is a simple parable that reveals profound truths. It is an amusing and enlightening story of four characters who live in a

"Maze" and look for "Cheese" to nourish them and make them happy.

Two are mice named Sniff and Scurry. And two are "Littlepeople"—beings the size of mice who look and act a lot like people. Their names are Hem and Haw.

"Cheese" is a metaphor for what you want to have in life—whether it is a good job, a loving relationship, money, a possession, health, or spiritual peace of mind.

And the "Maze" is where you look... [more](#)



Recommended by [Dave Ramsey](#), Daymond John, Darren Chua, and 8 others.



[Dave Ramsey](#)

[Dave Ramsey recommended this book on his website.] ([Source](#))



Daymond John

[Daymond John said this is one of his most-recommended books.] ([Source](#))

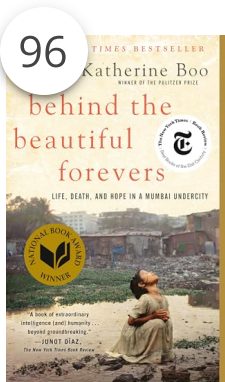


Darren Chua

When asked what books he'd recommend to young people interested in the same career path, mentioned Who Moved My Cheese. ([Source](#))

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Behind the Beautiful Forevers

Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity

Katherine Boo



4.02

From Pulitzer Prize-winner Katherine Boo, a landmark work of narrative nonfiction that tells the dramatic and sometimes heartbreaking story of families striving toward a better life in one of the twenty-first century's great, unequal cities.

In this brilliantly written, fast-paced book, based on three years of uncompromising reporting, a bewildering age of global change and inequality is made human.

Annawadi is a makeshift settlement in the shadow of luxury hotels near the Mumbai airport, and as India starts to prosper, Annawadians are electric with hope. Abdul, a... [more](#)



Recommended by [Barack Obama](#), [Bill Gates](#), Adam Minter, and 4 others.



[Barack Obama](#)

Fact or fiction, the president knows that reading keeps the mind sharp. He also delved into these non-fiction reads ([Source](#))



[Bill Gates](#)

Katherine Boo spent three years getting to know the people of Annawadi, a slum of about 3,000 people on the edge of a sewage-filled lake in India's largest city. Her book is a poignant reminder of how much more work needs to be done to address the inequities in the world. But it's also an uplifting story of people striving to make a life for themselves, sacrificing for their families, and in... ([Source](#))

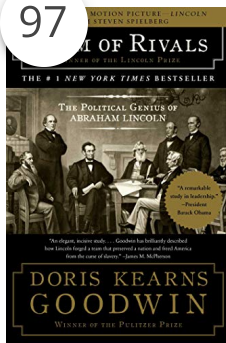


[Adam Minter](#)

Vivid scenes of walking down Mumbai's Airport Road, lined by shacks and trash pickers, and behind them are walls, and behind them are the finest five star hotels in India. ([Source](#))

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Team of Rivals

The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln

Doris Kearns Goodwin



4.02

Acclaimed historian Doris Kearns Goodwin illuminates Lincoln's political genius in this highly original work, as the one-term congressman and prairie lawyer rises from obscurity to prevail over three gifted rivals of national reputation to become president.

On May 18, 1860, William H. Seward, Salmon P. Chase, Edward Bates, and

Abraham Lincoln waited in their hometowns for the results from the Republican National Convention in Chicago. When Lincoln emerged as the victor, his rivals were dismayed and angry.

Throughout the turbulent 1850s, each had energetically sought the...
[more](#)



Recommended by [Barack Obama](#), [Bill Gates](#), [Kobe Bryant](#), and 11 others.



[Barack Obama](#)

The Oval office can be a lonely place, so reading about your forefather's experience could only help. "The biographies have been useful, because I do think that there's a tendency, understandable, to think that whatever's going on right now is uniquely disastrous or amazing or difficult," said President Obama in an interview. ([Source](#))



[Bill Gates](#)

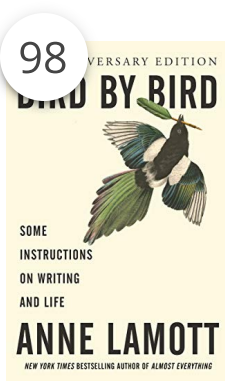
I loved Goodwin's Team of Rivals and highly recommend this one too. ([Source](#))



[Kobe Bryant](#)

I loved Team of Rivals, and Leadership really built on the things I had taken away from that book. Moving from basketball to building a company, I needed to learn new and different leadership skills, and Goodwin outlines the different skill-sets of Lincoln, both Roosevelts, and Lyndon Johnson, accessibly. ([Source](#))

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Bird By Bird

[Some Instructions on Writing and Life](#)

Anne Lamott



4.01

Thirty years ago my older brother, who was ten years old at the time, was trying to get a report on birds written that he'd had three months to write. It was due the next day. We were out at our family cabin in Bolinas, and he was at the kitchen table close to tears, surrounded by binder paper and pencils and unopened books on birds, immobilized by the hugeness of the task ahead. Then my father sat down beside him, put his arm around my brother's shoulder, and said, 'Bird by bird, buddy. Just

take it bird by bird.'" "Superb writing advice... hilarious, helpful and provocative." -- "New York... [more](#)



Recommended by Susan Cain, [Timothy](#)

[Ferriss](#), [Ryan Holiday](#), and 9 others.



Susan Cain

I love [this book]. Such a good book. ([Source](#))



[Timothy Ferriss](#)

Bird by Bird is one of my absolute favorite books, and I gift it to everybody, which I should probably also give to startup founders, quite frankly. A lot of the lessons are the same. But you can get to your destination, even though you can only see 20 feet in front of you. ([Source](#))

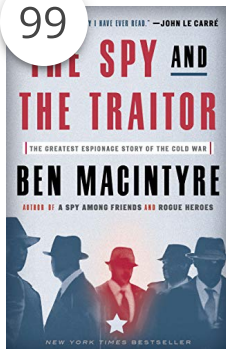


[Ryan Holiday](#)

It was wonderful to read these two provocative books of essays by two incredibly wise and compassionate women. [...] Anne Lamott's book is ostensibly about the art of writing, but really it too is about life and how to tackle the problems, temptations and opportunities life throws at us. Both will make you think and both made me a better person this year. ([Source](#))

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Isabel Hardman

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I had a great conversation with Ambassador Micheal Lund Jeppesen of @DKinAfghanistan . On the sidelines of our rich conversation we spoke of the Spy & the Traitor a great book in which Denmark's intelligence features highly. Proud of our alliance & cooperation. <https://t.co/47GMb7ETWr> ([Source](#))

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Pink is my favorite color. I used to say my favorite color was black to be cool, but it is pink—all shades of pink. If I have an accessory, it is probably pink. I read Vogue, and I'm not doing it ironically, though it might seem that way. I once live-tweeted the September issue.

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